

EVIL IS NOT ETERNAL

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GREETING: It is such a blessing for me to bring you the Good News of God's grace. Today I am just going to encourage you. I am going to go through Psalm 37 and we are going to look at Psalm 46 and Luke 12 and some other passages.

I want to start out by just reading from **John 1:1**. This is a well-known passage and as we read this you know we don't think that we can get a new or some fresh understanding of it but the Word of God is just full of life and this is something beautiful that stands out for me. I read this the other day and thought that I have to share this wherever I go.

1:1 In the beginning was the Word (The **Word** is the word, message. In other words, from the beginning God had a message and this message was with God. That word, 'with', there, also means it wasn't contrary to who He is. It says here then), **and the Word** (or this message) **was with God, and the Word was God.**

Now, it is very difficult sometimes to understand that but this is how I understand that verse. The message that God had for us, from the beginning, was God Himself as our destination. That is what it is. **In the beginning was the Word.** This Word, this message that God had for us, In the beginning God had the message of eternal life for us. From before the world began God had in mind, "That I want to give eternal life to human beings that I would still create.

This message of eternal life towards us was God Himself. So, the message that God has for you is that He is your destination. His message to you is not one of fear. It is not one of anxiety. It is one wherein He says, "Who I am is your very destination." We can read that in **Genesis 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am your shield, and your exceeding great reward.**

So, what He was saying to Abraham is, "As you believe upon Me, the reward for believing upon Me is Me." So, the Word that was to us, from the beginning, is God as what God was Abraham's reward, what Abraham would end up into, is the fullness of the Godhead bodily because of God. That is the reward of believing in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Good News of what He has for us. The beautiful thing is that God had that message from the beginning. That was the message in the Old Testament and in the Old Testament it was a prophetic word. Then we find Jesus, when He came, when that message was materializing. And now we are in the place where we are seeing this Word starting to manifest in those who believe upon Him. And we have a great confident expectation and a hope for the future which is all found in Jesus... the fullness of the Godhead, bodily. I mean, what more can we say than that!

Today, I want to go to Psalm 37. I just want to walk through this psalm with you. I don't think we are going to go through many of the verses but, we'll do as good as what we can. I was just thinking to encourage you today. Maybe today will not be an in-depth teaching. It is just going to be an encouragement to look at the love that God has for you, an encouragement to have your eyes focused on Him because His eyes are focused on you, and not to focus on those things that are around us, the fears, the political situation, maybe what bad things that you are thinking are going to happen to you. Whatever it is, not to look at those things but to simply look at the love that God has for us.

We are also going to touch on a little bit on just how to deal with feelings in your heart that you might have right now that might be negative or where you feel that you are stressing out a bit.

Psalm 37:

1 Fret not yourself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

Let me explain that. Now, I want you to know that when I read these verses it sounds like commands. It sounds like dos and don'ts, like, "Fret not yourself." It means don't stress. But you might say, "But, I am stressing! How am I not going to stress?" We are also going to look at the advice that the Psalm writer, David, is giving here on how he, basically, gets that right. It just puts everything into perspective for what it truly is. It says, "Fret not yourself" and then he says why, and he goes on like that. He goes on, for about 40 verses, explaining all of that. And I am sure, that after listening to this message, you will find that you are not fretting yourself.

Fret is not a word that I am familiar with, especially in South Africa. If you say to me, "Fred", that is somebody's name. The spelling's a bit different but, "Fret not yourself!" That word, fret, there, in the English Webster's Dictionary, simply means, "Don't irritate yourself. Don't frustrate yourself."

This is what the dictionary says: "To rub, to wear away, a substance by friction; to corrode away. It says, "A worm threatens the planks of a ship; to be eaten away by worms; That is what it is basically saying here. "To impair or to wear away; to agitate violently; to agitate or disturb." It also means "to tease yourself or to irritate; to become angry." So, what he is basically saying here, if I can combine all these words which is not always the best way of doing it, but if we combine the two, if we combine this, we basically see that this word is used as a word where it says something is decaying, something is withering away, something is falling away. You find a friction taking place, a corroding taking place, a rusting away, a wearing away, being consumed by also being angry, being upset. It says here, "***Fret not yourself because of evil doers...*** So, we find evildoers in this world. There are a lot of evil doers.

Last night, somebody came to my house and said that he was just robbed in front of the supermarket here in Malmesbury. They came and grabbed his cellphone from him, pushed a bag into his face. He said to me, "I was so upset!" He said he is still very upset. Now, that is a natural thing that happens and we get angry. And if we listen to that, we get angry because of the evil doers. Then we look at governments and how they deal with these things and so forth and we feel, "My goodness! Is this right?" Especially politically! I mean, look at a country. It puts a lot of pressure upon people. The systems of this country especially if you read the news, listen to the news, look at what is going on.

Look at how the covid is being handled. I mean we want to travel to Zambia and now what they are basically saying is that we can go to Zambia and we don't have to do 14-day quarantine if we are vaccinated. So, we are now, basically, forced to be vaccinated. I cannot say that I am waiting until I find a vaccine that I am happy with that this is completely safe and then I'll take it if I still feel to take it. But I am now in a place where I am forced and we feel, "Why should we feel forced?" and we can fret ourselves. We can be eaten away by it. We can corrode away by it. Who we really are can just waste away because of evil doers.

It says, "**...neither be envious against the workers of iniquity.**" That word, envious, is not envious as we would understand it to desire their wealth or those kinds of things. That word, envious, there could also be translated as zealous. Now, you find in Jesus' time, there were certain people that were the Zealots. They were zealous against Rome and what that meant was they were standing up and they were now in battle and they were fighting against Rome.

It says here, "Don't fret yourselves. Don't be wasted away because of evildoers and also don't, basically, just stand up and fight them all day because that will tire you out. We've seen how that happened to the Church in the American elections, how the Church was fading away, wasting away, how the message of grace was not in the mouths of the people anymore but politics was. It was a wasting away because of a zealous fighting against evil workers because the idea is that we need to get these evil workers out of our lives, out of the country, away from our lives, so that we can prosper.

Now listen to what the reason the Psalm writer says that we should not fret or be wasting away or irritate ourselves because of these people: **2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.**

He's basically saying here is that we don't have to be so upset about bad things because it is temporal. It is not eternal. It's going to waste away itself. It's not for us to be wasting away. It's not for us to be corroding away, rusting away, because of all these things. I mean there will always be someone or something or some news report that you will look at and you would think, "That is not just! That is unjust!" The next thing you think is that we need to go over to action and we need to become zealous against this and you get consumed by this thing and your joy and who you truly are is simply wasting away. That happens when we forget that evil is temporal and what is good is eternal. We forget that and it's so easy to forget.

It's almost as if we think that what is good, what Jesus Christ has done, what is righteous, what is beautiful, which is in the earth, is like this petite, little, weak, also beautiful, little plant that is growing and evil is a bulldozer that is coming and it is so powerful and so wicked. And this plant has no chance against this bad bulldozer that is going to come and just destroy the plant. And we must now stand up for the plant to try and protect it with our lives.

What David, the Psalm writer, does is he compares evil to that little plant and life, the life of God, the work of God, that which you already have in your heart, that which you are already under, the good that you are already in, the life that is already inside you, that which you are born from, is like the bulldozer! There's no reason to even get upset about it. You might say, "But, Bertie..." What about **Psalm 37:2? *For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.***

I've also thought this way: For us to be against evil in the sense of fighting against it all the time and being upset and fretting ourselves, we can be so much against a person that tomorrow might even be saved and be part of the Church. So let us know that evil is temporal. What is bad is temporal. All the corruption in our country in South Africa and every country, the trillions that got stolen... I heard the other day, someone shared with me, that if the money that was stolen in the last few years in South Africa was handled correctly, there would not have been one shack in South Africa. Everyone would have a house. We can retire all the roads, there can be schools, university can be for free, if the money is not used in a bad sense or stolen. But, do you know what? All that evil is so temporal that it's not worthy to waste away because of that.

And we might say that it might be there for my whole life. Well, if we look at things from God's perspective, from an eternal perspective, we would find that in the resurrection it would be true that what was evil was only but just a flash in the pan. That's all it is! It was just there for a moment. But what we have and what we would partake in, which is already started in our lives now, which form and shape our lives, we would find that is the eternal thing and that we were basically worried and stressed out about something that is passing away anyway.

The Afrikaans translation says, "Don't get upset! That is the right word. "I'm now so upset!" Why? What empowers us not to be upset... a balanced view, knowing the truth which is that Jesus Christ, who He is today, as He's risen from the dead, is a new creation. And we who are in Him are not part of the wasting away creation. We are part of the eternal. We are part of that which is good! Glory to God! Amen! That which is eternal.

Psalm 37:3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shall you dwell in the land, and verily you shall be fed. 4 Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give you the desires of thine heart. Just trust in the Lord!

So, how do we not fret? It's very simple! To stress out about something is simply taking place in your heart as we are just losing a bit of perspective on what is going on. And that happens to us. It happens to the best of us. It's happened to me several times.

You know, where something happens and you look at it and you get consumed by it and you feel how the joy and the good that was in you is wasting away because of this little thing now. You can just that that to relationships. A husband and a wife are arguing about something or you think of a situation with your children and it's like you are getting irritated because of the evil that has happened, the injustice that has taken place. "Why have they treated my child like that? That's not right!" And now you become envious or, the word there is zealous, against it. Now you feel it is your job to sort that out and you are now going to sort that out. I mean, I've seen that and you just find that you are wasting away. Know this: that evil is temporal and I think what we need to do is we focus on what is eternal and that is the good that is in you. We've got the ministration of reconciliation. We are a new creation in Jesus Christ! We don't refer to Jesus anymore as a Jew that is in the physical. We don't refer to Him as a Jew because, when He was raised from the dead, He was neither Jew nor Gentile, nor male, nor female... nothing! He was a new creation that is the fullness of God bodily and we are that now. We are under that jurisdiction and rule and that is what we can believe in and trust upon.

So, the moment we see evil we can just look at it this way: It's almost like a bug that is on the windshield of the car. If there's a bug and it hits your car's wind-screen and you see it there, you don't stop for every bug and get upset and then clean the windshield and you are now upset because of bugs. No, you know it's there. You know it's temporal. You know it's going to be washed off in a day or two when you wash your car again. But, if you drive behind a truck and it throws stones and there are permanent chips in the paintwork, that's when you get upset because you know that this is now permanent... and even a stone chip is not that permanent but you find that it is not that easy to clean off and to get away. God comes and He says, "The evil in this world is just for a moment." And this is how this whole Psalm continues.

Verse 3 says to trust in the Lord and you shall be fed. You don't have to fight evil and when evil is ended by your effort, then you will be fed. No, just trust in God and you will be fed.

4 Delight yourself also in the LORD (The word, delight, that I preached on before, means to be pampered. That's what delight means. Be pampered by the fact that our Lord is Lord): **and he shall give you** (As you are pampered by Him, as you are pampered right now, as you are pampered by the truth of the longevity, if you want to call it like that, the eternal nature of what is good and the temporal nature of what is bad. As you are pampered by that, you find that God gives you desires in your heart. There is peace coming to your heart and desires for your future and things that are now arranged and formed by this truth.) **the desires of thine heart.**

5 Commit your way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

6 And he shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your judgment as the noonday.

7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not yourself because of him who prospers in his way because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass

What he is basically saying is that we can look at the world, we can look at politics, we can look at the systems... I mean there are so many. When it comes to the covid thing and the vaccine, especially now in South Africa, it's picking up a bit more, "What shall you do? Shall you be vaccinated or not?" We are being forced. There are so many perspectives, so many opinions. It would be absolutely foolish for me to give my opinion on a platform like this because I tell you now, just in our group that's gathering here and the people that will watch this on YouTube, we will find almost as many people as what there are opinions. So, my opinion about this, I'll never make public. You know, it's you believe what you want to believe about this. But this is what I want to say: The fear that there is when it comes to this, the turmoil that there is about this, the injustice that is preached and portrayed that says people are being forced, that there are certain people that want to take over the world and all of that. Let's say that all of that is true and we look at how effective and how prosperous the systems of this world is. This is what this is basically talking about. It says, "... **fret not yourself because of him who prospers in his way.**

He says, "Don't be wasting away, don't worry, don't get upset, don't wither away because of the success or the seeming success of evil in this world. He says, "Don't waste away **because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass**

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath (to go over into action to destroy these people): **fret not yourself in any wise** (in any way) **to do evil.**

This is a very powerful word for us. What he basically is saying here is if we read what David, the Psalm writer, writes, and listen, David knows what it is to have injustice done towards him. If your own son is hunting you down and wanting to kill you, it is a massive injustice. And he, in these situations, was writing, **8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath** (Wrath basically means to bring forth this destruction now): **fret not yourself to do evil.**

So what he's basically saying is, "As you get angry about these things, as you get upset about these things, because you are losing vision on what you already have, how eternal what you already have truly is. It says here, "You will waste away" and it says, **and in no way do evil.** So, what is the evil that he's talking about? He's basically saying that if you are looking at what is bad in the world and you are thinking that by your works and your action you are going to remove the evil so that you can live, you are busy with evil works. You are the evil one now. You, because you, by your own works, want to change the world. You basically want to say, "Let me remove what is evil in the world by my power and my action and my ability." And so, you are doing the evil thing because you are now using human willpower. You are using your own ability to remove evil in the world which is, according to God, passing away anyway.

If you are in a place where evil is passing away anyway and whosoever is part of that evil and that bad will pass away with it, the solution would be to bring something that is eternal and good and get people to be part of the eternal and good so they don't waste away with evil. And that is exactly what God has done!

God has not come to try and destroy evil. Evil is not eternal! He has come to bring something that is eternal so that we can exist and live with Him forever more. And that is what He brought forth in Jesus Christ. That is the wonderful joy that comes to our hearts when we see the resurrected Christ.

Yesterday, I spoke to a friend of mine who also studies the Scripture a lot. We were talking about this whole concept of eternal and the Gospel. If you look at the world and everything that is in the world, if you look at the problems of the world. let's say that there was no such a concept of Jesus or salvation or anything like that and you had to look at the world and what was happening in the world and you had to come up with a solution for the problems of the world. If your solution is not a man who conquered physical death, who can live forever in the highest quality of life and Him being a life giver, free from the works of people... if that is not your solution you've never understood the problem.

I think if we look at the world and the solutions that it offers, it is not the resurrected Christ! It is not belief and reliance upon Him. No, the world's problem, the world's way is, "We must fight evil!" And it is drawing the Church into that. The Church is fretting. It is wasting away in its effort to combat evil!

Instead, the Scripture says, ***Fret not yourself because of evildoers be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.*** (In other words, don't get upset because of evil doers, neither become zealous against them because if you do that you bring evil into the situation. You are doing evil then.)

:2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

:3 Trust in the LORD, do good; so shall you dwell in the land, and verily you shalt be fed. (It says, "Just trust God and you will be fed and you will live in the land.)

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not yourself in any way to do evil.

9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

Jesus Christ said the very same thing in **Matthew 5**. He says, "***The meek shall inherit the earth.***" Who are the meek? The meek are those who trust upon God and don't make it their issue to know all the evil that people are doing and to fight against it but to trust God, believe in God, know that the evil is anyway a temporal thing that passes away. We rest upon Him. We rest upon the resurrected Christ and what He has given and we know that we are part of the eternal kingdom.

Psalm 37:10 ***For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, you shall diligently consider his place*** (the place where He was), ***and it shall not be*** (and you shall not find Him there).

Can you see how the Psalmist comes and takes all the evil and the people that hate what is good, that don't want God, and how he says that this is temporal. It is returning to the dust of the earth.

This harmonizes with what God said in Genesis where He said, "Don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for you will surely die." Wherein He said to Adam, "You are of the dust and to the dust you will return." How we find the place where Adam was and we want to find him and he's there no more.

So, I want to tell you that we need to have God's perspective on these things. It might feel long for us because a time where we see evil might take hundreds of years and we might have only seen that but I want to tell you that you in Jesus Christ, are part of the eternal kingdom that lasts forever. And as we look in the resurrection, as we look at all these things, we would understand what God has said to David in Psalm 37: It wasn't even worth it to break a sweat over it. It was just temporal anyway and we already have that which is eternal. It's a bit of a different way of looking at things but I'm just encouraging you from the scripture here and I'm saying to you. "Let us see what we already have."

Psalm 37:11 *But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.*

What he says is where there is no peace, that is only temporal. It is just temporal.

12 *The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes upon him with his teeth*

13 *The LORD shall laugh at him: for he sees that his day is coming.*

14 *The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation.*

15 *Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.*

I don't rejoice. The Bible says we don't rejoice in the death of the wicked. We don't rejoice if we see this happen to the people. We are also calling those people in our love and in the knowledge that we have, we're calling even those people to repentance, to believe what we believe. For Jesus also died for them. For as we stand up and go into war against these people, we are not going to win any of them.

16 *A little that a righteous man has is better than the riches of many wicked.*

Listen to this. This is so beautiful! **Psalm 46:8 *Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he has made in the earth.*** (Now that sounds very negative. God has brought desolation!

Now, listen to what he means:

9 *He makes wars to cease... Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he has made* (brought) ***in the earth.***

So, what is the earth desolate of now? What is this desolation? He has made wars to cease. So, we will be desolate of wars. We will be desolate of all these evil things and it's the working and the doing of God.

9 He makes wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and cuts the spear in sunder; he burns the chariot in the fire. What he is basically saying is He is ending the evil that is in the world. How? He is bringing goodness to this earth and the love that He brings forth. I've seen the desolation that God has brought in my life. I've seen the wars and the battles that have been in my life end and cease because of the marvelous work of God in the resurrection of Jesus.

You know, many people that watch this and might watch this in the years to come, (this will be on YouTube for as long as what YouTube will keep it) might have been fretting and being envious and zealous against what is evil and they've taken up the sword against evil and they have now put themselves in a battle here and they are wasting away. There are people that are like that, that might listen to this message, hear the truth and find peace come to them. And now desolation has come to them in the area of their war that they were fighting. They're not in a war anymore. They are now in rest trusting God, wherein God establishes His kingdom. The Bible says, if you go and read **Isaiah 9**, it talks about Jesus Christ. It basically talks about the advancement or the spreading, if you want to call it like that, of His kingdom there shall be no end and it is an everlasting kingdom. And Church, that is what we are part of! Glory to God!

Whenever I see something that is bad, something that is not just, I just say, "This shall also pass! It is not forever." And whenever I see a good news gospel or I see someone believing this message, I say, "This good is eternal and this is what will fill the earth." The problem that I think is that the Church has not understood that the earth is what we will inherit. We've had this idea that we are on earth temporary and then we are going to live in heaven and that is why we must make a good of a place of earth as possible because this earth is just going to become wicked and just burn up and be destroyed. So, we want to just make it as good as possible and then we are going to go away. No, as sure as what you are that heaven will be a good place and as sure as in our traditional view would say that heaven is eternal and peace there is eternal, and all those kinds of things, we must just bring that to earth. That is all because the Bible says Jesus teaches us to pray, "Father, this is basically Your will, on earth as it is in heaven."

It says here that those who are not fretting about these evil things and getting all upset and all worked up about these things, they will inherit the earth... Those who trust in the Lord. It says here that He will end wars. That's the desolation He will bring. The world will be desolate of wars. It will not be there anymore.

I'm going to read the Afrikaans. Afrikaans is such a nice word. My mum used to say this word to me sometimes.

9 He makes wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and cuts the spear (He ends these fights) **in sunder; he burns the chariot in the fire.**

10 (Since God does these things, He says) **Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in (all) the earth.**

So many times, we are so scared. "Oh, God, what is going to happen with the world? What is becoming of the world! What's going on?"

This is what He says, "Be still, and know that I am God. I will cease wars. I will get wars to cease, to end. These things are just temporal. They will end." You might say, "But, it doesn't seem as if it's going to!" The Bible says in Psalm 37, "Patiently wait." Talk to God about these things and yes, it is that we can be anxious about these things and I will talk a little bit about that now. It says, ***Be still, and know that I am God:***

This is what the Afrikaans says: ***Psalm 47:11 "Calm down! Stop the stress!"***, is what it basically says. Bedaar! Calm down!

I remember sometimes I would come to my mum at home and I would say, "Mum, you wouldn't know what has happened! This teacher has done this and this and this!" She would just tell me, "Bedaar!" "Calm down!"

So, what He is saying is, "Calm down! I am God and I will be seen in the earth and My kingdom shall flood the earth and all wars shall cease. They are temporal." Let us just get our focus on that and not get our focus on how this is going to take place. That's where trust in God comes in. You might say, "But Bertie, I am stressed out about somethings. I'm going through difficult times."

Let us just look at that quickly. **Luke 12:49** This is Jesus talking about this fire that will be sent that will burn up all these wars and all these things. ***I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?***

What He says is, "I'm come to send fire on the earth." The other translation says, "And how I wish it was already kindled."

:50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with (This was now the cross and His death); ***and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!***

... how I am straitened till it be accomplished. It means constrained, kept, pressed. It means here to hold together; to compress; to be perplexed; to be preoccupied; to be constrained; to lie sick of; in straight; straightened; to be taken with...

So, what he is saying here, He knew that He was going to be crucified. He knew that He was going to be rejected. He knew that He was going to be beaten... and not just that. I think the greatest thing that Jesus had to deal with was death itself. He is the One that has never known death and now He is going to die and He is going to be completely weak, helpless in Himself, void of self-life which Jesus always had even before He was in the earth, when He was with the Father, the glory that He had there. That glory of Jesus is abandoning that and He's going to death. He is facing that and He says, "Listen. I am going to kindle a fire. This will bring certain divisions between people but this fire will burn up everything and this kingdom will take over everything. And this must be kindled but I first have a baptism to be baptized with and I'm going to die."

And He says here, "How I am preoccupied with that, perplexed by that, pressed by that, how I actually lie sick because of that." We can just call that stressed. I mean, it's like if you've got something that you know needs to take place. I mean, people might know that their parents are going to die someday and you can see your father or your mother becoming ill and you can know that maybe they are on life support. And then there comes a day when you have to say, "Switch that machine off." You know that they believe in Jesus. You know they are part of the resurrection. You know all those things but you are still pressed. You still lie awake at night because of all these things. So, I want to say to you that in all of this fretting and in all of what I've mentioned, I'm not blind and the Word of God is not blind to the fact that people can be at a place where you think about those things, where you ponder about those things.

Fretting, in the Scripture, simply means to irritate yourself, to be angry to the point where you want to go over into action to combat evil in the world so that you can now stand and make the Church stand victorious. This we see. Many churches are now adopting that system when it comes to politics which is actually bringing evil in the world or doing evil in the world and that you yourself will then be part of what is wasting away because you are now going into wars and battles and those kinds of things, which is the very thing that God will end.

So, what I am seeing in the scripture here is: Here is Jesus. He says, "Listen, I know that I am going to be raised from the dead on the third day. I know that there is going to come a fire that is going to burn up all wickedness and stubble and all those kinds of things, the teachings of the Pharisees and the Sadducees and all. I know that and I know that I have to be beaten and die and go through all of that and I so wish that it was already accomplished. But, as I'm thinking of it happening, it does press in on Me. I do feel it." To the point that Jesus was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane and saying, "Father, if it is Your will, can this cup pass by Me?" And you might feel that in your heart. You might feel that which I don't call fretting or stressing or being zealous to stand against evil. It is just the discomfort of seeing people suffering or going through difficult times or worried. It's like going to the dentist and you know they must remove one of your teeth or they must do a root canal. I mean, you know, you so wish that it was already done but you lie awake if you think of the thought. Then for three days it goes well and then all of a sudden, this thing grabs your mind again. We find that that very thing was also in the life of Jesus.

But how did Jesus deal with it? I believe Jesus was just prayerfully going to the Father and talking about these things. He looked at the scriptures and I can imagine Jesus reading. I mean, Jesus read Psalm 40 for sure. He knew it off by heart. He knew Psalm 37 by heart. As we find Psalm 40 as one of Jesus' prayers that He must have prayed. We find Psalm 37 must have also been something that Jesus must have quoted saying, "Fret not yourself! Don't go into war. Don't try and lead a rebellion to overthrow Rome, or any of those things. Humble yourself. What you see here, what's happening with Rome, what's happening with all of this, this is just temporal. But what is inside You, as You believe and trust upon Me, is eternal and I shall bring forth that eternal life in You." And Jesus was raised from the dead!

And I want to tell you that He is the firstborn amongst many brethren and it is His will to bring many brethren into the glory, many sons, unto the very glory possessed by Jesus.

So, as Jesus read Psalm 37, we read it. As Jesus also had that thing inside Him that bad things are coming and “I can see how it is going to overtake Me and I know that I will stand victorious in the end but I’m still stressed out a bit now”, we find that Jesus, through the scriptures, through prayer, through talking to the Father about it and having a mind focused on the truth, overcame those things.

Luke 12:50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished! And what He basically said here is that “I will find this thing constantly coming to Me until it is accomplished.”

And I want to say that it is true, for all the Church, that we will find these feelings come to us until we see the full resurrection manifest in the earth. And let us not condemn ourselves and judge ourselves and beat ourselves over the head if we sometimes feel these feelings of being pressed in on because of things that look fearful. When you feel that feeling, it doesn’t mean that you are fretting. When you feel that feeling, you don’t give over to that. Yes, we are pressed in. We are at a place where, as it says here, feel straightened, constrained, where we sometimes lie awake at night. But, even if you lie awake at night, don’t think that you have now lost the battle. The disciples that were in the boat, with Jesus, woke Jesus up and said, “Jesus, don’t You care that we are perishing? “But Jesus still took them to the other side!

So, I want to say to you that we are definitely going to the other side! We are in the boat with the One that possesses eternal life. We are in the boat with the One that will cause all wars to cease. So, we rest and trust in Him. We don’t have to try and advance the name of God in the earth in the sense of that if we don’t do it, His name is going to be washed out from the earth and His name will be no more. No, no, no! Evil is the thing that’s being washed away. We are part of what is eternal and the earth is the destination. It is heaven’s destination! Glory to God!

I trust that this message blesses you today and encourages you. Let me pray for you.

Father, I want to thank You that we can know that we don’t have to irritate ourselves to the point that we waste away in our own efforts to stand up against evil in this world, but that we can know that evil is temporal. You are eternal and we have the promise of eternal life. We also have the eternal Spirit already within us now, that is bringing forth fruit in our lives today. And thank You that we can rest in that.

I pray for everyone that is watching me via YouTube or via this webcast that we have here with zoom. I thank You, Lord, that everyone is blessed by You. Everyone has the hope of eternal life. Everyone is under the jurisdiction of God and the rule of God in Jesus’ mighty name.

I thank You, Father, that signs, wonders and miracles, of this massive powerful kingdom of Yours, takes place in these people's lives. People that lie sick, watching this, that don't feel well, that they are healed right now. People that are going through financial stress, difficulty, thank You that You bring relief for them and answers for them. People that don't know what to do in the future, thank You that answers come from You just supernaturally so that, through that, they can see signs of Your kingdom that is established in the earth and that will manifest in the earth and that is forever more. Thank You for that, God, in Jesus' mighty name! Amen and amen.

Thank you so much for allowing me to serve you with the Good News of Jesus Christ.