CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, November 29, 2015



*“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”* John 16:33

Life storms are traumatic events we must all go through. But we don’t have to go through them alone. Jesus offers us His peace in the storm.

Jesus’ words in John 16:33 are packed with truth about choosing His peace in the storm.

*“I have told you* these things …” Jesus warns his disciples and us to expect storms.

*“…so that in me you may have peace.”* Jesus’ peace is not the absence of conflict, but a sense of well-being that floods our hearts and minds with the reality that He is with us in the storm.

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*   
 John 14:27

*“In this world you will have trouble …”* Being a follower of Jesus doesn’t exempt us from storms, but it does give us the most powerful Person in the universe to go through them with.

*“But take heart! I have overcome the world.”* Don’t lose hope! Be encouraged! When Jesus was on the cross, He said, *“It is finished.”* Jesus has won the battle with sin and death. He has overcome for you.

The greatest impact of the storm is not the storm itself but how I respond to it.

Trouble or Trust?

Jesus asks me to choose how I will respond to the storm. Will I choose trouble or trust?

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled.”* John 14:1 Our hearts are troubled when we forget God in the storm.

*“Trust in God; trust also in me.”* John 14:1 Lean into Jesus and lean into His people in the storm.

“You’ll get through this. It won’t be painless. It won’t be quick. But God will use this mess for good. In the meantime don’t be foolish or naïve. But don’t despair either. With God’s help you’ll get through this.” Max Lucado