

Many times the situations and circumstances of our lives look anything but hopeful. One month we're singing JOY TO THE WORLD and the next month we're singing HERE COME THE BILLS! Jesus promised that in this world we would have trouble. I for one don't like that promise. I'm not really crazy about His solution for those times of trouble either; CHEER UP! When the bills are piling up, my children are sick, and my world is spinning out of orbit I do not feel like cheering up. I want to bury my head, go back to bed and sing the Hee-Haw song, "Gloom, Despair and agony on ME!" Let's face it, our humanness does not like trouble.

Thankfully, God has promised to never leave or forsake us. Knowing that God is with me during these times gives me hope and hope does not disappoint. The world, my husband, my kids and even ME will bring me disappointment, but God will not! No matter what things *look* like or how I *feel* I know that God is for me, not against me.

So I've learned that whether in good times or in troubled times to believe that God will work all things out for good. My hope is in Him because I trust in Him.

So if you're in the middle of trouble, let me encourage you to put' Jesus words into practice and CHEER UP! God is on your side; you just may have to do some pressing to get to where He wants you to be! Put your hope in Him because He will not disappoint you. God is faithful and His word of Truth endures forever! Jesus overcame death, hell and the grave to empower you to overcome, too. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, dwells in you. You are more than a conqueror in Christ and you've got what it takes to endure this storm. Now that's worth CHEERING about!

Prayer: Dear Lord, help me to see past the storms that are trying to surround me. Help me to remember Your faithfulness to me and recall Your mighty acts in my life. You have delivered me before and You can and will do it again. My hope is in You because You will not disappoint me. Thank You Lord, Amen.



*John 16:17 Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world!"*