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CONSIDER JESUS HE UNDERSTANDS ALL YOUR PROBLEMS.

Like so many times in the past when I am struggling to come up with a message to share, my mind went to this verse:

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What a beautiful passage to put all our trials and difficulties into perspective. Simply put the Lord said, consider Him! "Lest ye be wearied in your minds.. "

We are seeing a great rise in suicide rates in our country because of the lockdowns and people losing their jobs. We are experiencing more and more times of discouragement in our nation today.

There seems to be a rise in discouragement in our country today. People are not optimistic and most people do not have a positive outlook about the future. Now in light of this I thought about what I could share that could be an encouragement to each of us as we may face difficult times in the future. The Bible says, when you are wearied in your mind "Consider him who endured such contradiction of sinners against himself.."

Worry, discouragement, and depression, all these things take place in our minds and in our thinking. So we need to subject our minds and thinking to Scriptural thoughts and ideas. The word consider means:

analogizomai, an-al-og-id'-zom-ahee; mid. from 356; to estimate, i.e. (fig.) contemplate:-consider.

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analogia, an-al-og-ee'-ah; from a comp. of 303 and 3056; proportion:- proportion.

Sounds like the word, analyze and logia, think logically, consider, meditate on it, think about this!

So when the Apostle says, CONSIDER HIM, He is challenging us to get our heads screwed on straight.

So the Bible says, when you are discouraged, look to Jesus, consider Him, find strength in the fact that He understands and knows what you are going through.

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HE UNDERSTANDS WHAT IT IS TO SUFFER. HE UNDERSTANDS OUR NEEDS, OUR INFIRMITIES, AND OUR PROBLEMS.

Consider, this morning, our Lord understands what we are suffering, because He, too, suffered.

Let us think about some of the problems we may face in this life. What are the greatest problems you may, or are, facing?

- I. HE UNDERSTANDS FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.
- II. HE UNDERSTANDS PHYSICAL PROBLEMS.
- III. HE UNDERSTANDS PEOPLE PROBLEMS.

I. HE UNDERSTANDS ALL OUR FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

- 1. THERE IS NO ONE WHO WAS EVER RICHER THAN JESUS. AND YET IN HIS MINISTRY HE HAD NOTHING.

Poverty and wealth are all relative. There are certain people in certain countries who could look at us as being rich.

Some people live without electricity.

Some people live without running water.

Some people cannot go to the supermarket and buy food.

Those people would look at all of us as being rich. Riches are all relative, are they not?

Noah Quarishe tells how in Africa, in certain remote villages, water is hard to come by. It is a luxury to have a well! Which of us do not have a well or a source of water?

There are others who have great homes, that as we look at these we would think them rich.

I have moved pianos for some pretty wealthy people.

At one home a wealthy doctor had full time masons working on house.

Compared to Heaven such homes are ghetto material.

Yet we could never imagine the riches of Heaven and what Jesus had before He took on flesh. He who was rich became poor for us!

2. THERE IS NO ONE WHO WAS EVER AS RICH AS JESUS.

HE WHO WAS RICH BECAME POOR FOR US.

No one who was so high ever stooped to be so low.

No one who was so rich ever stooped to be so poor.

So now someone who is suffering difficulty; someone who has a lack; someone who has a need:

YOU CANNOT SAY THERE IS NO ONE THAT UNDERSTANDS. WE HAVE A MEDIATOR IN HEAVEN THAT UNDERSTANDS WHATEVER NEED YOU HAVE.

At times, each of us may go through trials and difficulties in this world. Yet we have a mediator and an advocate in Heaven who understands.

Maybe you are having financial struggles. He entered this world not rich but poor. So that we who are poor could be rich.

II Corinthians 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

God gives us things that are priceless.

What God gives us no money can buy.

When we say He owns the cattle on a thousand hills, that is an understatement.

God has no need no want or lack.

Can we imagine how high and lifted up Christ was before He came to earth?

Yet He gave all that up that He might be our intercessor.

I hear people say all the time they don't pray for anything for themselves.

That is not me. I am always praying for God's blessing and help.

I am in control of nothing and need Him for everything.

Matthew 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Matthew 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Matthew 6:27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

Matthew 6:28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

Matthew 6:29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Matthew 6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Matthew 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

Matthew 6:32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

I remember when the pandemic first started, and we did not know what to expect. I mean we were hearing horror stories. There were talks about millions of people dying from this plague. Stores and malls were closed, restaurants were closed. I remember going outside and walking around. It was quiet, and then I observed the birds and the animals outside, for them life was going on as usual. You see, they did not have TV's to watch and they had no idea that they were supposed to be scared. I think if we turned our TV's off we wouldn't know either. Jesus said, learn from the sparrows and the ravens. They have no worries!

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Luke 12:24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

Luke 12:25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?

Consider, Jesus, he had nothing, no money, yet rich men came to Him for advice.

When the Romans came to collect taxes,
Jesus told Peter to go fishing.

Matthew 17:24 And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute?

Matthew 17:25 He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?

Matthew 17:26 Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free.

Matthew 17:27 Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

Who could orchestrate such a thing as to have that coin there when need it? Only God could do that.

Who could put a coin in a fishes mouth? Only God.

Jesus, who was rich, came into this world and experienced first hand what it is to have needs in this world.

Who could put a coin in a fishes mouth so Peter and Jesus could pay their taxes?

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I Need the Lord to help me every day.

You need the Lord to help you every day.

WE LIVE IN THIS WORLD WHERE WE HAVE NEEDS. WE NEED THE LORD.
AND HE KNOWS WHAT IT IS LIKE DOWN HERE. HE HAD TAXES TO PAY.

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Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

3. *THERE WAS NO ONE WHO MADE THEMSELVES POORER THAN JESUS.*

Matthew 8:20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

They even cast lots for the garments He had when He was dying on the cross.

Judas, who had charge of the treasury, was a thief and always made sure they were low on funds.

Jesus, who was rich, came into this world poor. He and His family were so poor there was no room for them in the inn. He was born in a smelly old stable.

When He died on the cross His life was spent for you and me.
HE DIED PENNILESS AND AFFLICTED AND DESPISED.

4. *THROUGH HIS POVERTY AND SACRIFICE WE NOW ARE MADE RICH THROUGH HIM.*

We now have an invitation to be able to have a permanent apartment in the New Jerusalem.

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Some houses only rich people could live in because they alone could afford the upkeep.

A rich doctor was showing me his house and talking about taxes.

Said if I gave you this house you would lose it in a year because of upkeep and taxes. When my wife and I were in California eating dinner in a restaurant we overheard people talking at the table next to us. They were complaining about the real estate taxes in their area, we over heard them say they were paying \$1000 per month in taxes.

THE MANSION WE HAVE IN HEAVEN WILL MAKE ANY PLACE ON EARTH LOOK LIKE A GHETTO.

When we receive Christ we become citizens of Heaven, We will have a permanent residence in that Heavenly mansion.

Imagine, Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us and it is taking 2000 years to get it together. Imagine how great that house must be.

**II. *THERE IS NO ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS OUR PHYSICAL AILMENTS.
THERE IS NO ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS MORE ABOUT SUFFERING IN THE
FLESH THEN JESUS.***

Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isaiah 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Hebrews 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

Hebrews 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Matthew 8:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

All sickness and disease, all these are part of the wages of sin which leads to death.

THE BIBLE SAYS JESUS BORE OUR SINS ON THE CROSS.

Ultimately He took upon Himself all our infirmities and took them to the cross.

THERE IS NO PHYSICAL SUFFERING THAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH OR EVER WILL GO THROUGH BUT JESUS KNOWS ALL ABOUT IT AND BORE IT HIMSELF.

They say there is no more torturous form of death then crucifixion.

We are sinners and we deserve death but imagine:
HE WAS THE ONLY MAN THAT EVER LIVED THAT NEVER SINNED.
AND HE SUFFERED THE MOST TORTUROUS DEATH OF ALL.

The one thief was right when he rebuked the other thief and said:

Luke 23:40 Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?
Luke 23:41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

Jesus is the only one who legitimately could say:

WHAT HAVE I DONE TO DESERVE THIS? YET HE DIDN'T BECAUSE HE KNEW HE WAS SUFFERING NOT FOR WHAT HE DESERVED BUT WHAT WE DESERVE.

Romans 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

III. JESUS UNDERSTANDS WHAT IT IS TO HAVE PEOPLE PROBLEMS.

Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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Probably there is no greater pain then the pain we feel when people let us down, sometimes betray us, reward us evil when we have done them good.

He was rejected of His own people.

The Jews betrayed Him hated Him.

The Romans mocked Him.

Judas betrayed Him.

People turned their faces from Him.

Isaiah 52:14 As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isaiah 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Is it not true that the greatest suffering anyone can suffer is rejection from someone they love?

Is there anything that can hurt us more?

Are there any greater scares a person can bear than the scares of rejection?
Is there any greater pain that a person can have than one turning their back on them?

Everyone turned their Back on the Lord.
Even on the cross He cried out:

MY GOD MY GOD WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?

There is a sense where for a moment that the Father Himself had to turn away from His son to let Him die and bear the sins of the world. In essence He had to suffer the full brunt of our sin, and part of that is being abandoned of God in Hell. So in essence, He bore our hell on the cross. He paid the full price

And hell is to be cast out from the presence of God.
So Christ, for a time, had to be separated from the Father to bear our sins.

What are you going through?

- I. FINANCIAL PROBLEMS? HE UNDERSTANDS.**
- II. PHYSICAL PROBLEMS? HE KNOWS.**
- III. PEOPLE PROBLEMS? HE KNOWS ALL ABOUT IT.**

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IV. CONCLUSION:

The last greatest trial we will face we need to consider:

What is the greatest problem you can face in this life? If you can face your greatest fears victoriously then what have you to fear? Think about this:

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There nothing we have or will face in this life that Jesus has not faced when He took on flesh and dwelt among us. He now is our mediator, our advocate in Heaven. We can come boldly, and confidently to the throne of grace to find help in time of need.

When people come to me with their trials and difficulties and are all frustrated and discouraged and down hearted, I often say to them. Just think, what is the worst thing that can happen to you in this life? Inevitably we come to the conclusion, the worst thing that can happen to us is death.

Well this worst fear Jesus faced and was victorious over it. He defeated death itself for you and me, and promises us eternal life if we trust in Him.

Question is: Do we really believe this?

When He spoke to Martha Martha, He said,

John 11:25 I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

John 11:26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. ***Believest thou this?***

Consider, Jesus asking you this question, do you believe this? Just how much do we believe it?

Do we believe what Paul wrote:

Romans 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither **death, nor life**, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Romans 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Do we believe what Paul said when he said,

Philippians 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

This is the ultimate commitment and test of our faith. Whether you are old or you are young, each of us will face death. I have done funerals for people of all ages.

I think the ultimate commitment that a Christian can make is to trust the Lord even unto death. Jesus suffered every temptation we can ever face and yet without sin. The devil tried to get our Lord to compromise at the cross. He laid down his life for you and me. He never sinned even when tortured and mocked and beaten.

Remember what the devil said about Job,

Job 2:4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

Job 2:5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

Jesus defeated death. The question is, do we believe that?

Jesus asked Martha: Do you believe I am the resurrection and the life..

Jesus gave command to the Church of Smyrna:

Revelation 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: **be thou faithful unto death**, and I will give thee a crown of life.

All of us someday are going to face that greatest trial. The question is will we be faithful unto death?

Look, we are going through some difficult times with the threat of this covid virus but the truth is that even with all this, there is over a 90% chance that you will not die from covid. But there is 100% chance that you are going to die of something. I think the virus is a good test to see just how faithful you will be and to test your convictions. He told the church of Smyrna be faithful unto death. If you knew that to serve God it would mean your death would you still serve God?

When Paul was told by his friends that if he went to Jerusalem it would lead to his imprisonment and possibly even his death, what did he say? Here is what he said,

Acts 21:13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

What do you think Paul the Apostle would be doing during this coronavirus break out?

Find me a verse in the Bible where it says, you have to go to Jerusalem to a feast. Paul was fearless about death. He really believed what he preached. Do we believe this?

Consider what level of commitment you have to Jesus. Have you committed your very life to Him? This is what He wants of you, to be His disciple. This is not a decision I can make for you, but it is a decision each of us needs to make to our Lord. What level of commitment have you made to our Lord?