Daily Devotion #118

Our Comforting God

John 14:19 -“Because I live, you will live also.”

Time is such an interesting subject, at least it is for me. Everything in this life revolves around time, and we all feel the effects of it at some point during our week. Usually, in my mind it goes something like this, “I can’t believe its Thursday already”. Or when talking with someone, the conversation will sound something like, “Can you believe tomorrow is Monday already? It feels like it’s only been a couple days, not a whole week.” Then those thoughts usually extend into other lengths of time and the quickness of it. Such as, “I can’t believe it’s been six months since that happened” or “Can you believe it’s been 30 years since we did that”?

For me, if I spent too much “time” focusing on time, I can get a little overwhelmed with how fast it goes. And that’s because time measures life. Everything we do is centered around the clock and seasons and events - all those things that are bound in the framework of time.

Many people have made millions of dollars using time to sell their products. We have all sorts of watches that we can wear while swimming or exercising or just to keep us on track for the next important event of the day. There are also clocks that help us know the precise moment we are to be somewhere or when an event is to start or when some miraculous situation or circumstance needs to be recorded for historical purposes. It is true that our lives revolve around time.

The one thing that most people are afraid of is when the clock stops for them. Our world runs feverishly to make sure everything is done within the framework of the time that they have. And many believe that when the clock stops, life stops. It’s over. They think at that point they simply go into nonexistence or they go to a place of their own human thinking.

Even the Disciples showed signs of their focus on time. Like in our passage for today, The Disciples were so overwhelmingly concerned about Jesus leaving, they didn’t know how to handle life without Him. So, He tells them just a verse earlier that He will not leave them as orphans, but He will be their comfort all throughout their lives. Even though He would be gone physically, He would send them the Holy Spirit who would live in them, to give them the encouragement and comfort they need for the rest of their lives.

But for me, the most astounding statement is what Jesus says next, “Because I live, you will live also.” What He meant by that is, He was not dying but going back to His rightful place with the Father in heaven. He was very much alive and would forever be alive, no matter what happened in the present. And to cap it off, He tells them that they will live also. Amazing!

Think about it beloved. For those of us who have given our lives to Jesus, we will never die. Death is not a part of our vocabulary. Yes, it is true, time in this life will cause our bodies to age; our children will get older; things as we know them now will be different all because of time. But the glory of knowing Christ is, we will always live. We will leave these bodies behind and forever be alive with Christ.

No matter what time is doing to you right now or for you right now, either positive or negative, keep in mind that you will be alive forever. You will always be who you are. When God made you and saved you, He made you to be eternal, never ending, and better when we leave this time-bound earth.

Is the moment you are in right now keeping you from seeing the big picture? Don’t get lost in the sweeping hands of the clock. Do all you can to enjoy the life God has given you for now but keep clearly in focus what is waiting for you. Eternal life.