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Meditation

Piling Up

The washer breaks. The bills pile up. The car is low on gas. The grocery store is out of your favorite items. Your checkbook is nearing zero. Your boss berates you. Your coworkers and peers look down on you for a minor mistake. A medical test comes back positive, or worse yet, inconclusive again...

You may be able to relate to one or many of these incidents. It makes it even more difficult when they pile on top of each other. You feel like there is no end in sight to your troubles.

Where is our faith in these moments? Has our faith been put in material things or earthly relationships? Or is our faith in the Faithful Father who loves us, knows us, and has the best in store for us?

There are times when we are growing in painful ways, and our faith is strengthened through it. We know there will be troubles in this world, but our Redeemer has overcome the world. "*I [Jesus] have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world*" (John 16:33).

These words are spoken to Jesus' unsuspecting disciples at the Last Supper. He prophesies how they will abandon Him and all the ways they will be persecuted for the sake of the Gospel.

Nearing the end of His conversation with the disciples in the upper room, He speaks the words of chapter 17, His high priestly prayer. He prays for them. He asks God to be with them, us, and all who will come to know Him in the future.

How amazing is that? The Savior of the world thought of us, prayed for us, before He was delivered over to death on a cross. He didn't stay dead though, proving His victory over the grave!

Yes, we will have troubles in this life. Yes, the devil will seek to destroy our faith in Christ. Yes, there will be many times when we do not understand why something is happening. But we can trust that God is with us, and in the end, it will all be right when we rest in His arms for eternity, because of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection on our behalf.

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