

IT'S SUNDAY BUT...JESUS IS COMING TO OFFER YOU A NEW FUTURE!

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John 20:19-23, NKJV

The Apostles Commissioned

¹⁹Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace *be* with you.” ²⁰When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

²¹So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” ²²And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained.”

Seven Steps to a Brighter Future

I WILL CHOOSE HIS PRESENCE OVER MY LONELINESS! (VS 19)

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.
Matthew 28:19-20, NKJV

⁵*Let your conduct be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶So we may boldly say:

“The LORD *is* my helper;
I will not fear.
What can man do to me?”
Hebrews 13:5-6, NKJV

I WILL CHOOSE HIS PEACE OVER MY ANXIETY! (VS 19, 21)

⁵Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Romans 5:1, NKJV

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:4-7, NKJV*

I WILL CHOOSE HIS WOUNDS OVER MY PAIN! (VS 20)

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But He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.
Isaiah 53:5, NKJV

¹⁷ From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.
Galatians 6:17, NKJV

I WILL CHOOSE HIS JOY OVER MY SORROW! (VS 20)

²⁰ Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. *John 16:20, NKJV*

²² Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. *John 16:22, NKJV*

I WILL CHOOSE HIS PLANS OVER MY PLANS! (VS 21)

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A man's steps are of the Lord;
How then can a man understand his own way?
Proverbs 20:24, NKJV

⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:9-10, NKJV

I WILL CHOOSE HIS HOLY SPIRIT OVER MY HUMAN SELF! (VS 22)

¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. *John 14:16-18, NKJV*

I WILL CHOOSE HIS FORGIVENESS OVER MY GUILT AND SIN! (VS 23)

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace *Ephesians 1:7, NKJV*

³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. *Ephesians 4:32, NKJV*

²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! *John 20:20, NLT*