
**IN TRIBULATION IN THE WORLD, REMEMBER CHRIST HAS
OVERCOME THE WORLD.**

John 16:25-33

"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father.²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf;²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."²⁹ His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech!³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God."³¹ Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.³³ I 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."

'Take heart' – *tharseo*: to be firm or resolute in the face of danger or adverse circumstances, *be enheartened, be courageous*.

From the word '*thareo*' – to have certainty in a matter, *be confident, be courageous*.

Reasons to take heart:

- **Clarity** is coming – 16:25-29
- We can have a **reasonable** faith – 16:30

a. Knowledge is contingent on a rational explanation for reality itself.

"So a mindless nature could produce mind only by chance. But if mind is only a chance product of nature, how can we trust our reasoning powers, how can we expect our minds to give us the truth about anything?"¹ – Richard Purtill, Philosopher

b. Humility allows us to truly learn and **absorb** what is most important.

- God never forsakes His **children** – 16:31-32
- Jesus Christ has overcome every shameful lie that seeks to lay claim to me – 16:33

¹ Richard L. Purtill, *C. S. Lewis's Case for the Christian Faith* (San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1981), 23.