

*Included are words to comfort you and your loved ones, along the way... These verses are constant reminders that God loves us even when we are tested in areas of our lives that we do not understand. God says and shows us each day that despite what we go through, He will be there to provide all our needs, comfort, guide and direct us. His loving arms are there to surround and protect us and because nothing happens without His knowledge, these Bible verses are a reminder that He will never walk away from us, especially in your time of need and He is always in control.*

### **Romans 8:28-30**

<sup>28</sup>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

### **Romans 8:26**

<sup>26</sup>In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

### **Romans 8:35-39**

<sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

<sup>36</sup>As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long;

we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord

### **Matthew 11:28-30**

<sup>28</sup>"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle

and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30**For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

### **Romans 5:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

### **Proverbs 3:5-8**

**5** Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;

**6** in all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make your paths straight.

**7** Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD and shun evil.

**8** This will bring health to your body  
and nourishment to your bones.

### **Psalms 46:1-3**

**1** God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.

**2** Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

**3** though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.

### **Lamentations 3:22-27**

- 22 Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail.
- 23 They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.
- 24 I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;  
therefore I will wait for him."
- 25 The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him,  
to the one who seeks him;
- 26 it is good to wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.
- 27 It is good for a man to bear the yoke  
while he is young.

### **Isaiah 40:31**

- 31 but those who wait in the LORD  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

### **Isaiah 54:10**

- 10 Though the mountains be shaken  
and the hills be removed,  
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken  
nor my covenant of peace be removed,"  
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

## **Ecclesiastes 3:1-9**

### ***A Time for Everything***

- 1 There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under heaven:
- 2 a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- 3 a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
- 6 a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- 7 a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- 8 a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.
- 9 What does the worker gain from his toil?

## **1 Corinthians 10:13**

13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

## **2 Corinthians 4:7-18**

**7**But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. **8**We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; **9**persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. **10**We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. **11**For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. **12**So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

**13**It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, **14**because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. **15**All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

**16**Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. **17**For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. **18**So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

## **1 Corinthians 15:58**

**58**Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

## **John 12:24-26**

**24**I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. **25**The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **26**Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

## **2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

**1**Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. **2**Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, **3**because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. **4**For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. **5**Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

**6**Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. **7**We live by faith, not by sight. **8**We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. **9**So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. **10**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

## **John 14:1-6**

**1**"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. **2**In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. **3**And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. **4**You know the way to the place where I am going." **5**Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

**6**Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

## **John 3:1-23**

### ***Jesus Teaches Nicodemus***

**1**Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. **2**He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

**3**In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

**4**"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

**5**Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. **6**Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. **7**You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' **8**The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." **9**"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. **10**"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? **11**I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. **12**I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? **13**No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. **14**Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, **15**that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

**16**"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **17**For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. **18**Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. **19**This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. **20**Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. **21**But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God." **22**After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized. **23**Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were constantly coming to be baptized

## **Psalm 23**

A psalm by David.

1The Lord is my shepherd.

I am never in need.

2He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside peaceful waters.

3He renews my soul.

He guides me along the paths of righteousness  
for the sake of his name.

4Even though I walk through the dark valley of death,  
because you are with me, I fear no harm.

Your rod and your staff give me courage.

5You prepare a banquet for me while my enemies watch.

You anoint my head with oil.

My cup overflows.

6Certainly, goodness and mercy will stay close to me all the days of my life,  
and I will remain in the Lord's house for days without end.

## **Lamentations 3:21-25**

21 Yet this I call to mind  
and therefore I have hope:

22 Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail.

23 They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

24 I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;  
therefore I will wait for him."

25 The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him,  
to the one who seeks him;