

# Lesson 157 Encouragement

Come near Me and feel My comforting warmth. It is always available to you. I will never leave you or forsake you. I AM always here. There is nothing impossible for Me. I can handle it all. Seek Me out, draw near to Me. Approach Me in silence and listen. There is no problem too great or any crisis too large and looming that I cannot provide the perfect answer, the perfect guidance, the perfect path for you to move down. I AM in all things, in other words, I never leave you. I AM with you through good and bad, always. Carry this knowledge with you and move forward in Me. That is all for now, go in peace.

## Introduction

In today's lesson the Lord is offering up words of encouragement for us. Through today's words He let us know that He will always be there for us. We are never alone. And as I was thinking on His words, the nature of friendship came into my mind. I thought of honesty, dependability, and love. I thought of freedom from envy, jealousy and insistence. I thought of wanting what's best for the other without the issue of force or manipulation. These were the thoughts that moved through my mind as I explored the idea and nature of friendship. And I was wondering, "Is this what the Lord is offering us here?" Is He offering us friendship? There are quite a few verses in the bible where friends or friendship is discussed. For example,

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times...

**Proverbs 18:24** *A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is <u>a</u> friend who sticks closer than a brother.* 

**Proverbs 22:11** He who loves purity of heart, and whose speech is gracious, <u>will have</u> <u>the king as his</u> friend.

**James 2:23** and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"--and <u>he was called a friend of God</u>.

Our Lord Jesus was described as a friend in:

**Matthew 11:19** *"The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a <u>friend</u> of tax collectors and sinners!'* 

And Jesus told stories involving friendship in:

Luke 14:10 "But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, '<u>Friend</u>, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you."

And when He went to help Lazarus in:

**John 11:11** After saying these things, he said to them, "<u>Our friend Lazarus</u> has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him."

It appears that we can conclude then that friendship is an element of our relationship with the Lord. Job bitterly testified to this in his following speech:

**Job 29:1-6** And Job again took up his discourse, and said: "Oh, that I were as in the months of old, as in the days when God watched over me, when his lamp shone upon my head, and by his light I walked through darkness, as I was in my prime, <u>when the friendship of God was upon my tent</u>, when the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were all around me, when my steps were washed with butter, and the rock poured out for me streams of oil!

And in His Rhema word of today the Lord continues to speak on friends and friendship:

**07/19/13** - Walk humbly before Me see Me <u>as your King and friend</u>, Lord and Savior I am all things to all men.

**08/08/13** - I AM all powerful yes...but merciful and loving too, I want to be <u>your King and</u> <u>your best friend</u>, Confide in Me...let everything go to Me, My people will be so blessed.

**08/10/13** - Be ready to listen - mind clear - day's activities out of your thoughts - no agenda - <u>meet Me as a friend</u> - meet Me as your King - I am here.

**08/13/13 -** I am your King, but <u>I am also your friend and constant companion</u> - I desire your companionship - most people talk to Me only when there is a problem - I enjoy these meetings and times of fellowship.

**11/14/13** - Those who truly seek Me shall find/ This is so/ Lead them to Me/ This I desire above all to have them truly serve Me/ <u>Lam King and Lord and yet a friend</u> <u>seeking your companionship</u>/ Show them how much I care for them/ Speak of My goodness often/ Let them know how I will bless them both spiritually and physically as well as financially/ I care for their whole being, will they care for Me?

**11/22/13** – Relax enjoy your time with Me. Reach out let me feel you. Connect oneness is awesome with My saints who love Me. There is no pressure when we meet. This is a time of enjoyable fellowship. This builds Our relationship. I long to dwell with man. See Me as King and Friend more than just a companion but humble as one who walks daily with you. United we are.

The Lord goes on to explain:

Relationships are important. Would you neglect the ones you love? Then you must not neglect Me. I long for your all, greatly. I get excited to meet with My Beloved. This is something I have longed for. Do not deny Me opportunity to meet with you. This is important on many levels. Set aside time each day for fellowship with Me. Come and be filled with Me. I pour out graciously and abundantly. Be filled to the brim and then some, always enough to contain. I love you My child. You please My heart.

Thus the first element of encouragement that the Lord is offering to us today is that of friendship. It is important to understand that the Lord is our constant companion. He is a friend seeking your companionship. He is powerful, loving and merciful, good and caring and He is attentive. He wants to be your confidant, in other words, He wants you to come to Him. He wants to meet with you. The Lord said, Relationships are important. He is your King of King but He also wants to be your friend.

## **Comforting Warmth**

In the introduction section of this lesson we learned that the Lord wants to be our friend. He wants to be our constant companion. Relationships are important to Him. This was the first element of encouragement that we reviewed. The importance of this is confirmed once again through this:

Come near Me and feel My comforting warmth. It is always available to you. I will never leave you or forsake you. I AM always here.

Therefore the second element of encouragement we will discuss is that of comfort. Through the words above we can see that comfort comes to those in a relationship with Him. Being near to Him helps us to feel His warmth. It helps us to realize that He will always be available to you. This understanding in and of itself brings comfort to me as I know it does to you as well. We, of course, have read of the warmth of His comfort in the bible. But as you read these words of encouragement, these words of comfort, what I believe they will demonstrate to you is the value of a relationship with Him. For example:

**Psalm 23:4** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, <u>they</u> comfort <u>me</u>.

Psalm 71:21 You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.

**Psalm 119:50** This is <u>my</u> comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life. **Psalm 119:52** When I think of your rules from of old, <u>I take</u> comfort, O LORD.

**Isaiah 12:1** [The Lord Is My Strength and My Song] You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

**Isaiah 57:18** *I* have seen his ways, but I will heal him; <u>I will lead him and restore</u> comfort to him...

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies <u>and God of all comfort</u>, <u>who comforts us in all our tribulation</u>, that we

may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

And of His comfort He added this:

**10/24/13** - Let Me lead into victory (saw Jesus on the white horse with sword drawn) The battle is ours/ We have overcome the enemy/ We must walk it out in the earth/ Take great <u>comfort</u> in knowing I am with you (saw light shine out from a central point and spread outward) Be beacons of light.

**11/01/13** - Turn to Me for <u>comfort</u>, companionship, intimacy and fellowship I have all these things for you/ I am your husband of whom you are faithful to/ The world relies on the world and it fails them/ I cannot fail you when you trust Me/ Turn to Me I say I desire you greatly.

**11/18/13** - I AM the way. New beginnings are found. Life goes on. Focus improves many are saved. <u>I AM the comfort of each</u>. I have made each.

**11/21/13** - Feel My comfort. Feel My love and remember (as I well know you do), remember that I AM always with you even in this. I love you.

11/21/13 - Many hurt are being comforted.

**11/26/13** - Comfort, My comfort I give to you. In times of trouble, in times of stress, you can always come to Me and <u>I will give you comfort and peace</u>. I never leave you. I am always here. My Presence can be felt in the still, quiet moments of solitude you share with Me. Come to Me in silence. Block out the distractions of the worldly and come to Me in the quiet and calm of My Indwelling Spirit. Silence is golden. In it not only is much given but much is received as well. Therefore come to Me in silence, give and receive.

Therefore the Lord gives His comfort to you. In times of trouble, in times of stress, you can always go to Him. There again, we see relationship. But I wanted to go back for a moment and have a look at the Lord's use of the words comfort and warmth as He used them in the statement: feel My comforting warmth. So what do you think He means by comforting warmth in this context? I decided to look up the applicable definitions in this type of sentence and this is what I found:

Comfort: -to soothe, console or reassure -to relieve affliction

Warmth: -liveliness of feelings, emotions, or sympathies; ardor or fervor; enthusiasm or zeal (intensity) -the quality of being intimate and attached

In this particular instance I believe the Lord is saying that we should feel His soothing intimacy, His reassuring ardor (intense devotion and earnestness). He said it like this, Come near Me and feel My comforting warmth. It is always available to you. I will never leave you or forsake you. I AM always here. So in effect He is saying, come near Me and feel My consoling and reassuring emotions and intimacy, the earnestness of my feelings and devotion to you. It is always here for you just as I am always here

for you. Wow, those are strong words of encouragement don't you think! But the Lord also spoke of comfort through these words as well:

**January 9<sup>th</sup> God Calling Eventide -** Let your heart thrill with the glad, "He comes." Forsake all thought but the thought of Me as I enter. <u>Soul-rest and heart-comfort I</u> <u>bring</u>. Forget all else. Let Me lift the burden from your shoulders, My burden, borne for you. Here in quiet, we will rest, while you are reinvigorated.

**January 19<sup>th</sup> God Calling Eventide -** I am with you. I will help you. Through suffering to health, through sorrow to joy, through pain to ease, through night to day -- <u>you shall</u> <u>be led and comforted</u>.

**February 15<sup>th</sup> God Calling Eventide -** After each salutary experience of life, each blow it may deal you, separate yourself from the world for a time. Walk in My Green Pastures, <u>and wander with Me beside the Waters of Comfort</u>, until your soul is restored. This is necessary so that you may readjust yourself to life. For you are a new being; you have had a new experience. Learn a new lesson. <u>Your</u> Union with Me will be the closer for your experience. This is the time when My Love can whisper new meanings to you, <u>can make the Friendship between us a closer</u>, <u>more holy</u> Union. Come with your Lover into the stillness of My Green Pastures, and walk with Me beside hushed waters.

I think this last passage from February 15<sup>th</sup> is particularly poignant and important because what it offers us is the reassurances of His comfort even when life has dealt us a blow. When this happens it recommends that we separate ourselves out from the world to wander beside Him until our soul is restored. This same basic message was delivered this week in this:

**11/21/13** - Peace I give you, feel My peace, allow it to surround you. All is well. I will not tell you to move forward today for now is not the time for that. Now is the time for healing and mourning your loss. <u>Feel My comfort</u>. Feel My love and remember (as I well know you do), remember that I AM always with you even in this. I love you.

Therefore the Lord saying, "allow it to surround you" and "I will not tell you to move forward today", this is Him essentially delivering the same message of separating yourself from the world for a time to walk in His Green Pastures, to be soothed and comforted by Him.

This sentiment was reaffirmed in a passage we read previously that I would like to go over one more time in connection to comfort but what I want you to notice this time is that comfort is not only to be received but it is to be given as well:

**11/26/13** - ...My Presence can be felt in the still, quiet moments of solitude you share with Me. Come to Me in silence. Block out the distractions of the worldly and come to Me in the quiet and calm of My Indwelling Spirit. Silence is golden. In it not only is much given but much is received as well. Therefore come to Me in silence, give and receive.

Consequently, this is the Lord saying we receive comfort and we in turn give comfort. We follow the Lord's example, we allow His Indwelling Spirit to guide us into becoming more like Him:

**11/06/13** - I AM loved, you are loved, this is a connection that goes back and forth / it is a rotation of energy that is never ending / it is a marvelous work / a dog has an unrelenting love towards its owner / no matter what or the circumstance, the animal is there to comfort the owner / as a dogs characteristic, <u>you comfort Me in more ways than one</u> / know this.

**January 9<sup>th</sup> God Calling Eventide -** <u>Comfort Me, My children</u>. Make of your hearts a Love-Home for the Man of Sorrows, still so often despised and rejected of men. Yet I would turn their sorrow into joy.

**April 15<sup>th</sup> God Calling Eventide -** Know that your Source of joy is something changeless. The hopes of the world are but in material things and when these pass or change their joy fades, hope dies, only dark night remains.

Speak comfort to such. Tell of My Love surrounding you, that My protecting Power is yours. That I can never fail one who trusts in Me. That you can breathe in courage from My Presence as you breathe in air.

Tell the world -- that for one who walks a cheerless road with Me, the bare hedge does blossom as the rose, and life is bathed in sunlit joy.

We receive and we give. We walk like-minded with Christ as His Indwelling Spirit lives within each one of us. Therefore, it is in and through this that we come to understand comfort as the second element of encouragement in today's lesson:

**Philippians 2:1-4** Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, <u>if any comfort of love</u>, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, <u>fulfill my joy by being like-</u><u>minded</u>, <u>having the same love</u>, <u>being of one accord</u>, <u>of one mind</u>. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Knowing that His comfort can be found in this.

### Nothing is Impossible

Thus far in the lesson we have talked about the importance of and the encouragement we receive through a relationship, a friendship with the Lord our God but we also talked about the comfort we find in Him, not only from walking in the quiet but also in the giving as well. This sentiment is reinforced once again in the next element of encouragement drawn from today's message that comes through this:

There is nothing impossible for Me. I can handle it all. Seek Me out, draw near to Me. Approach Me in silence and listen. There is no problem too great or any crisis too large

and looming that I cannot provide the perfect answer, the perfect guidance, the perfect path for you to move down.

Here again as noted above we can feel the warmth of relationship through these words of the Lord particularly when He said, Seek Me out, draw near to Me. This definitely makes reference once again to maintaining a relationship with the Lord. But what it also says is that there is no problem that He cannot solve for you, if you will simply turn it over to Him. This reminds me of some passages from the bible that go something like this:

**Genesis 18:14** "Is anything too hard for the LORD?"

**Psalm 9:9-10** The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble. And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.

Psalm 30:2 Oh Lord My God, I cried out to You, and You healed me.

**Psalm 46:1-3** God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. "Selah" (pause and think on that).

**Isaiah 40:29** He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.

**Isaiah 41:10** So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. **Jeremiah 32:17** "Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by

Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You."

Matthew 19:26 "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Mark 10:27 "With men it is impossible, but not with God, for with God all things are possible."

Luke 1:37 "For with God nothing will be impossible."

Basically, all these passages teach us that there is nothing that is impossible for the Lord. He can handle any and every problem or situation we come to be in. In today's message He said, There is no problem too great or any crisis too large and looming that I cannot provide the perfect answer, the perfect guidance, the perfect path for you to move down. Consequently, another powerful passage has been delivered that offers a wonderfully encouraging message for each one of us to hold onto. And what we must realize is that it is a message of Victory because nothing is impossible for the Lord.

**07/25/13** - Together we will have Victory. I will protect My people. The day is short. Evil man with evil plans conspire. Things are going to change. Have peace, know that I AM with you. Nothing is impossible for Me.

Yes, there is nothing impossible for the Lord but we must remember what He said in the passage above, where He noted that He has the the perfect answer, the perfect guidance, the perfect path for you to move down. In other words He is saying He has the answer, He has the plan but what is implied here is that we must follow, we must be obedient unto His plan, unto His guidance. But in addition to obedience faith is also an

important implied element here. It came through when He said, Seek Me out, draw near to Me the essence of which is saying that we are going to Him because we believe. These ideas have been confirmed in the:

**June 29<sup>th</sup> God Calling -** You can never go beyond My Love and Care. Remember that. No evil can befall you. Circumstances I bless and use must be the right ones for you. But <u>I know always that the first step is to lay your will before Me as an offering</u>, ready that I shall do what is best, sure that, if you trust Me, what I do for you will be best. Your second step is to be sure, and to tell me so, that I am Powerful enough to do everything ("The hearts of kings are in My rule and governance"), that <u>no miracle is</u> <u>impossible with me</u> ("With God all things are possible" and "I and My Father are one"). Then leave all with Me. Glad to leave all your affairs in a Master Hand. Sure of safety and protection. Remember *you* cannot see the future. I can.

You could not bear it. So only little by little can I reveal it to you. Accept My Will and it will bring you joy.

What this tells us is that there is nothing impossible for the Lord but we must follow His plan, we must believe, have faith and even speak this belief into existence through the power of words.

**03/13/13** - Be at peace in Me. I AM the answer to everything. I AM the Alpha and the Omega. Know that I AM God and <u>Nothing is Impossible for Me</u>.

**05/05/13** - Expect miracles, what say you about this? <u>the impossible as though it were</u> possible nothing to great to occur; <u>faith in Me allows it</u>. Trust Me.

**06/06/13** - The next step may seem difficult but I AM with you. <u>Nothing is impossible for</u> <u>Me</u>. Therefore nothing is impossible for you if you are stepping forward in My will. Ask Me, I will show you the way. I have a plan for you. Let Me show it to you. Let Me guide you down the unique path I have created for you.

07/03/13 - Nothing is impossible for ME. Do not limit ME.

**07/08/13** - Holy and Blessed are you Lord Jesus, Praise Your Holy Name. I come to you in the silence, do you hear My voice? I come to you in the moment, do you feel My warmth? I come to you in your time of need, do you feel My power? <u>Nothing is impossible for Me</u>. I love, I envelope, I guard and protect. I guide, I teach, and I meet needs. Come to Me with your all. Come to Me with faith and receive My response. Come and Walk with Me.

**09/10/13** - Victory in My saints who meet with Me, rejoice (did it) we are victorious. Satan's defeat is imminent adherence to <u>My rules makes it impossible for him to win</u> <u>obedience keeps him out</u> disobedience lets him slip back in. Obey My rules from the heart they are given for a reason they are for your protection.

**09/21/13** - Fear not. I teach you all. Follow Me. I AM Great and greatly to be praised. I made the flowers and the trees for you to enjoy. [Thank you Father] <u>There is nothing that is impossible for Me</u>. <u>Commit</u>.

**10/18/13** - Complete it; take My steps; <u>Virtually impossible in man's eyes</u>; <u>you are now</u> in the beyond.

The Lord can handle any and every situation. There is nothing impossible for Him. But we must have faith. We must be obedient. We must submit to His will. And we must declare it to be so. Yes, Praise Jesus, there is nothing impossible for the Lord.

**Mark 9:23** Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

## Move Forward

In the last section of the lesson we discussed the fact that nothing is impossible for the Lord. There is no situation that He cannot handle. We learned through this that the Lord has the answer, He has the plan but what He also implied here today is that we must follow, we must be obedient unto His plan, unto His guidance. And in addition to obedience, we also learned that faith is another important implied element delivered through today's message.

Yes, the Lord encouraged us through His words but what we learned in this is that having a plan, following His guidance, being obedient none of this will occur if we are not involved in a relationship with Him. This became even more apparent when He said, Seek Me out, draw near to Me. Approach Me in silence and listen. These words are an indicator denoting the importance of maintaining a relationship with the Lord as are these as well:

I AM in all things, in other words, I never leave you. I AM with you through good and bad, always. Carry this knowledge with you and move forward in Me.

These words delivered the culmination of today's message that the Lord is in all things. He is present in every situation, moving through it with us. In other words, He never leaves us. He is with us in good times and bad. He is always present in our lives. **August 1<sup>st</sup> God Calling -** "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

There is no bond of union on earth to compare with the union between a soul that loves Me -- and Me. Priceless beyond all earth's imaginings is that Friendship. In the merging of heart and mind and will a oneness results that only those who experience it can even dimly realize.

I truly cannot imagine any words or any message that could possibly offer more encouragement than the knowledge that the Lord is always with us. He describes this union as priceless beyond all earth's imaginings and I could not agree with Him more. And it is this knowledge that we are to carry with us, that helps us to move forward in Him. Yes, for a time we are to be quiet with Him. We are to allow Him to soothe our being but as He helps us pass through these moments, as we come to the other side, then we are to carry on and move forward in Him.

**11/13/13** - You are learning much. Growing and retaining in Me. Happy is the man who follows after the Lord. Blessings abound in this walk. You will be used mightily in this walk. This is your job. The pay is good. The benefits are everlasting. I AM the founder and creator. I have the plan you are to walk in. Proceed forward and soar to new heights.

**11/15/13** - You are learning of the new spirit I put within man. A spirit that is alive and active. It is a spirit that converts man into the image of the Risen Christ. As man moves through his fermentation process, as he is slowly transformed into the new wine of

Christ. Jesus' first miracle was that of changing water into wine. He continues this work today in each of His saints. Therefore, move forward, continue to study this concept of new wine and allow the Holy Spirit to teach you.

**11/18/13** - Time spent with Me well pleasing/ Continue to go forward in Me/ Follow My lead you are going to higher places/ This is by design/ No goodness of your own/ Never forget to give Me the glory which you have been faithful to do/ I will be merciful to you/ Continue to go forward/ Pleasing in My sight you are.

**11/18/13** - I AM the comfort of each. I have made each. Glacier. Enormous. Predisposed. Turn to your God Jesus in all. I navigate you follow. Victory it is written. Victory it shall be. Forward marching victory always forward. I Love you.

**11/21/13** - Keep focus single on your God Jesus. Much has been given much required. You are all well able. I have ordained each. Each part of the entire. Continue forward momentum.

**11/24/13** - Draw closer to Me/ I need you in place My son much We have to do/ Be prepared for all I will use for/ Great pleasure it is to use My child/ This is serious business/ No time to lag behind/ Continue forward in Me.

**11/25/13** - Continue on today, Progress...progress...progress, Always moving forward in your Lord.

Through these words we can see the importance of spending time with the Lord and following after Him. We can see the importance of developing our relationship and drawing closer to Him. Yet another confirmation of the importance, the encouragement carried in today's words of, I AM with you through good and bad, always. Carry this knowledge with you and move forward in Me. Yes, we are to move forward in the Lord feeling His comforting warmth as we draw near to Him through the good and the bad. July 9<sup>th</sup> God Calling Eventide - Go forward unafraid.

Face each difficulty, however great and seemingly unconquerable, as you go forward towards it.

The strength you will require from Me for that adventure into danger, as it may seem to you, will fortify you for its overcoming.

"Fear thou not to, for I am with thee, Be not afraid for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee, I will help thee, Yea, I will uphold thee with the right arm of My Righteousness."

We have no need to fear for the Lord is with us. We can face each and every difficulty because we are with Him. And it is with this knowledge that He then helps us to move forward unafraid in Him.

**Deuteronomy 31:6** Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." **Deuteronomy 31:8** It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

**Joshua 1:9** "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

**1 Peter 5:7** Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Yes, He is with us. He helps us move forward, He helps us through the good and the bad. He is always available to you.

#### Summation

Today's lesson was about encouragement and the various elements involved therein. For example, through the Lord's words for today, He let us know that He is always there for us. We are never alone. Hence we began the lesson by reviewing the nature of friendship. We spoke of honesty, dependability and love. But we also discussed freedom from envy, jealousy, insistence, force and manipulation. Basically, we explored the idea and nature of friendship this was the first element of encouragement that the Lord had us examine. We came to understand that the Lord is our constant companion. He is a friend seeking your companionship. He is powerful, loving and merciful, good and caring and He is attentive. We learned that He wants to be your confidant, in other words, He wants you to come to Him. He wants to meet with you. The Lord said, Relationships are important. Consequently, we became encouraged through the realization that He wants to have a relationship with each one of us. He is your King of Kings but He also wants to be your friend.

The second element of encouragement we discussed was that of comfort. Through His words we came to see that comfort comes to those in a relationship with Him. Being near Him helps us to feel His warmth. It helps us to realize that He will always be available to you to soothe and to relieve. This understanding in and of itself brings comfort to me as I know it does to you as well. But also in regards to comfort He taught us that In times of trouble, in times of stress, we can always go to Him. He encouraged us to come near Him and feel His consoling and reassuring emotions and intimacy, the earnestness of His feelings and devotion to you. This is always here for us just as He is always for us.

Another element of encouragement we discussed today was that there is nothing that is impossible for the Lord. He can handle any and every problem or situation we come to be in. He has the answer, He has the plan but we also learned of the implied element of being obedient unto His plan, unto His guidance. But in addition to obedience we learned that faith is another important element in today's message. Yes, we learned that the Lord can handle any and every situation. There is nothing impossible for Him. But we must have faith. We must be obedient. We must submit to His will. And we must declare it to be so.

And finally the culmination of today's message came to us through the knowledge that the Lord is in all things. In other words, He is present in every situation, moving through it with us. He never leaves us. He is with us in good times and bad. He is always present in our lives. To which we came around full circle acknowledging once again the importance of our relationship, our union with Him. What we learned is that as we move forward in the Lord, feeling His comforting warmth, as we draw near to Him through the good and bad times, as we come to see and understand the value of this relationship we realize there is nothing that could be more encouraging than that, than having a union with our Lord. This message was delivered to us today through these words:

Come near Me and feel My comforting warmth. It is always available to you. I will never leave you or forsake you. I AM always here. There is nothing impossible for Me. I can handle it all. Seek Me out, draw near to Me. Approach Me in silence and listen. There is no problem too great or any crisis too large and looming that I cannot provide the perfect answer, the perfect guidance, the perfect path for you to move down. I AM in all things, in other words, I never leave you. I AM with you through good and bad, always. Carry this knowledge with you and move forward in Me. That is all for now, go in peace.

I cannot imagine anything more encouraging than this knowledge that the Lord is always with us. Helping us move forward in this thing we call life.

May the Lord Bless you in this, Cindy

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