

Encouragement to Live or Die by K P Yohannan

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We live by encouragement and die without it, but as followers of Christ, we can stay focused and confident in God's sovereignty and plan.

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Scripture: Psalm 139:1, John 10:10, Romans 8:28

Topics: "Faith And Hope", "Gods Sovereignty"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of finding encouragement in the midst of life's challenges and discouragements. It highlights the promise of abundant life in Christ despite facing difficulties, drawing inspiration from the victorious life of Jesus and His disciples who overcame trials. The key message is to remember God's sovereignty and trust that all things work together for good for those who love Him, providing a source of hope and confidence in the journey of faith.

Transcript

I think it's a fair statement that we live by encouragement and we die without it. By the way, I didn't make it up, somebody else said that, which is true. You know, I often go to the studio to do my daily radio broadcast and sometimes I struggle so much and then, well, there are times I simply say I can't do it anymore and just walk away from the studio.

As I think about it, oftentimes like that, I can continue the program because emotionally I was down. I had to deal with some problem, some negative reporting or, you know, somebody I talked to that, you know, gave me a hard time or whatever. Well, I'm sure no matter where you are and who you are and what you do, what your profession may be, you too can say the same thing.

Well, it looks like discouragement or having down times is kind of a prominent thing in our life. But, you see, as a follower of Christ, I'm sure you agree that the Lord Jesus, He has promised us, I will give you life abundant. Of course, you know, if that be the promise, then obviously Jesus faced a huge amount of difficulties and trials, but He had this life that always manifested victory.

So being encouraged, staying focused and having this life of absolute confidence and surety never means there'll be absence of problems. Now, His followers, Christ's disciples, they had to deal with a whole bunch

of difficulties. Read the scriptures, you'll find this to be true.

So here is something that hurts me. When I face these kind of problems and discouragements, I remind myself of this one truth. God is sovereign.

My life belongs to Him. Nothing can happen to me without His knowledge, without Him allowing it. And even when I must face those difficult times like Joseph or Job or David or those disciples in the long run, I know all things work together for my good because I'm in a commitment to love Jesus more than life itself.

So be encouraged as you follow Christ. Don't look at all the difficulties and problems we face, but keep thinking about the sovereignty of God. He knows it all.

He's the Alpha and Omega, the one who knows from beginning till the end. And one more thing, He says, all my thoughts toward you always, it is for good. And that, we can count on.

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