

MESSAGE

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Theme : Able to Do Abundantly According to the Ability that God Gives
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TITLE : DOING ALL THINGS FOR OUR DELIVERANCE FROM THIS COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Text/s :

Phil 2:12-17

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14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.

KJV

Bible Reading :

Song/s :

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

Lyrics & Music by Thomas A. Dorsey

I

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

II

When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near
When my light is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

III

When the darkness appears and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

CODA

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LEAD ME O LEAD ME

I

Dark is the road that lies before me
How can I find my way
Tangled the path that beckons to me
Lead me O Lord I pray.

Refrain

Lead me, O lead me
Never will I go astray or roam
Lead me O lead me
Lead me till I reach my heavenly home

II

Dangers are lurking, foes are threatening
Satan his power has shown
Stay by my side protect and guide
I dare not go alone.

LED BY THE MASTER'S HAND/UNSEEN HAND MEDLEY

I

As I walk the road of life my feet grow weary
And I stumble through the thorns and shifting sand
But I never I have a fear about tomorrow
For I'm led by the Master's Hand

Chorus

Through the storm, through the night
I'll keep holding on
With His hand holding mine hope is never gone
When I climb the last mile to heaven's land
I'll be led by the Master's Hand.

Through the valley of despair though I may wander
On the highest mountain top I soon shall stand
But I never walk alone for my heart tells me
I'll be led by the Master's Hand.

Chorus

Through the storm, through the night
I'll keep holding on
With His hand holding mine hope is never gone
When I climb the last mile to heaven's land
I'll be led by the Master's Hand.

i

This hand has led through shadows drear
And while it leads I have no fear
I know t'will lead me to that home
Where sin nor sorrow e'er can come

ii

2

I long to see my Savior's face
And sing the story Saved by grace
Ref
And there upon that golden strand
I'll praise Him for His guiding hand.
I'm trusting to the Unseen Hand
That guides me through this wear land
And some sweet day I'll reach that land
Still guided by the unseen hand.

THE UNSEEN HAND

There is an unseen hand to me
That leads through ways I can't see
While going through this world of woe
This hand still leads me as I go.

I'm trusting to the Unseen Hand
That guides me through this wear land
And some sweet day I'll reach that land
Still guided by the unseen hand.

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I know t'will lead me to that home
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HIDE THOU ME (Eb)

1

Sometimes I feel discouraged
And think my life in vain
I'm tempted then to murmur
And of my lot complain
But when I think of Jesus
And all He's done for me
Then I cry, O Rock of ages
Hide Thou me

Chorus

O Rock of ages hide thou me
No other refuge have I but Thee
When life's dark vale I wander far, far from thee
Then I cry O Rock of ages, "Hide thou me."

2

O what a friend is Jesus
Sure Anchor for my soul
So tender, true and precious
I'm safe in His control
My Help in time of danger

3

My strong defense is He
O Thou blessed Rock of Ages
Hide Thou me.

I GO TO THE ROCK (F)

I

Where do I go when there's no one else to turn to?
Who do I talk to when there's no one else listen?
Who do I lean on when there's no foundation stable?
I go to the Rock, I know that's able, I go to the Rock

I go to The Rock of my salvation
Go to the Stone that the builders rejected
Run to the mountain and the mountain stands by me
The earth all around me is sinking sand
On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand
When I need a shelter, when I need a friend, I go to the Rock

II

Where do I hide till the storms have all passed over?
Who do I run to when the winds of sorrow threaten?
Is there a refuge in the time of tribulation?
When my soul needs consolation, I go to the Rock

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Go to the stone that the builders rejected
Run to the mountain and the mountain stands by me
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Luke 21:25-28

25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

KJV

Rom 8:22-23

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

KJV

1 Thess 4:13-17

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

KJV

REDEMPTION DRAWETH NIGH

I

Years of time have come and gone
Since I first heard it told
How Jesus would come again some day
If back then it seemed so real
Then I just can't help but feel
How much closer His coming is today

Refrain

Signs of the times are everywhere
There's a brand new feeling in the air
Keep your eyes upon the eastern sky
Lift up your head redemption draweth nigh

II

Wars and strife on every hand
And violence fills the land
Still some people doubt He'll ever come again
But the Word of God is true
He'll redeem His chosen few
Don't lose hope soon Christ Jesus will descend

Refrain

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HIDING IN THEE (D) / ROCK OF AGES (Eb) William Cushing (1876)/Augustus Toplady (1776)

1

Oh, safe to the Rock that is higher than I,
My soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly,
So sinful, so weary, Thine, Thine would I be,
Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in Thee.

Refrain

Hiding in Thee, hiding in Thee,

5

Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in Thee.

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee
When I rise to worlds unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

2

In the calm of the noontide, in sorrow's lone hour,
In times when temptation casts o'er me its power;
In the tempests of life, on its wide, heaving sea,
Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in Thee.

3

How oft in the conflict, when pressed by the foe,
I have fled to my Refuge and breathed out my woe,
How often, when trials like sea-billows roll,
Have I hidden in Thee, O Thou Rock of my soul.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNZ5VDVX0Qo>

Other references :

INTRODUCTION

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13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

14 Do all things without murmuring and disputings:

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.

KJV

Eph 6:13

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, **and having done all, to stand.**

KJV

Phil 2:12-18

12 So, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed when I was with you, it is even more important that you obey now when I am away from you: keep working out your deliverance with fear and trembling, 13 for God is the one working among you both the willing and the working for what pleases him. **14 Do everything** without kvetching or arguing, 15 so that you may be blameless and pure children of God, without defect in the midst of a twisted and perverted generation, among whom you shine like stars in the sky, 16 as you hold on to the Word of Life. If you do this, I will be able to boast, when the Day of the Messiah comes, that I did not run or toil for nothing. 17 Indeed, even if my lifeblood is poured out as a drink offering over the sacrifice and service of your faith, I will still be glad and rejoice with you all. 18 Likewise, you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

CJB

Phil 2:12-16

12 Therefore, my dear ones, as you have always obeyed [my suggestions], so now, not only [with the enthusiasm you would show] in my presence but much more because I am absent, work out (cultivate, carry out to the goal, and fully complete) your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling (self-distrust, with serious caution, tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God and discredit the name of Christ).

13 [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.

14 Do all things without grumbling and faultfinding and complaining [against God] and questioning and doubting [among yourselves],

15 That you may show yourselves to be blameless and guileless, innocent and uncontaminated, children of God without blemish (faultless, unrebukable) in the midst of a crooked and wicked generation [spiritually perverted and perverse], among whom you are seen as bright lights (stars or beacons shining out clearly) in the [dark] world,

16 Holding out [to it] and offering [to all men] the Word of Life, so that in the day of Christ I may have something of which exultantly to rejoice and glory in that I did not run my race in vain or spend my labor to no purpose.

AMP

I like what the Jewish Bible renders the last portion of v12, "...keep working out your deliverance with fear and trembling..."

BODY

1) We do everything consistent with the fear of God in us.

Phil 2:14

Do all things
KJV

Phil 2:12

work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.
KJV

2) We do all everything in obedience to authorities set by God.

Phil 2:14

14 Do all things
KJV

Phil 2:12

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence
KJV

3) We do everything according to the working of God in us.

Phil 2:14

14 Do all things
KJV

Phil 2:13

it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.
KJV

4) We do everything according to His will and good pleasure

Phil 2:14
14 Do all things
KJV

Phil 2:13
it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.
KJV

5) We do everything without murmurings and disputings

Phil 2:14
14 Do all things
KJV

Phil 2:14
without murmurings and disputings:
KJV

Phil 2:14
without complaining and disputing,
NKJV

Phil 2:14
without grumbling and faultfinding and complaining [against God] and questioning and doubting
[among yourselves],
AMP

Phil 2:14
without grumbling or disputing
NASU

Phil 2:14
without murmurings and questionings:
ASV

Phil 2:14
without grumbling or questioning
ESV

Phil 2:14
ithout protests and arguments;
BBE

Phil 2:14
without complaining or arguing,
NIV

Phil 2:14
without murmurings and hesitations;
Douay-Rheims

Phil 2:14
readily and cheerfully – no bickering, no second-guessing allowed!

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Phil 2:14-15
stay away from complaining and arguing
TLB

6) We do everything as blameless, harmless people.

Phil 2:14
14 Do all things
KJV

Phil 2:15
That ye may be blameless and harmless,
KJV

7) We do everything as children of God.

Phil 2:14
14 Do all things
KJV

Phil 2:15
That ye may be...the sons of God
KJV

8) We do everything without fault before everyone

Phil 2:14
14 Do all things
KJV

Phil 2:15
15 That ye may be...without rebuke,
KJV

Phil 2:15
15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault
NKJV

Phil 2:15

15 That you may show yourselves to be... without blemish (faultless, unrebukable)
AMP

Phil 2:15
15 so that you may be...without defect
CJB

Phil 2:15
a breath of fresh air
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9) We do everything as lights shining in the midst of this dark world

Phil 2:14
14 Do all things
KJV

Phil 2:15
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KJV

Phil 2:15
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AMP

Phil 2:15
15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world
ESV

10) We do everything holding forth the word of life

Phil 2:16
16 Holding forth the word of life;
KJV

Phil 2:16
16 Holding out [to it] and offering [to all men] the Word of Life
AMP

11) We do everything for the rejoicing of those who have gone on before us

Phil 2:16
that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.
KJV

12) We do everything according to the joy of our founding fathers and according to the example of Christ Himself.

Phil 2:2-11
2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
KJV

Phil 2:2-11

2 Fill up and complete my joy by living in harmony and being of the same mind and one in purpose, having the same love, being in full accord and of one harmonious mind and intention.
3 Do nothing from factional motives [through contentiousness, strife, selfishness, or for unworthy ends] or prompted by conceit and empty arrogance. Instead, in the true spirit of humility (lowliness of mind) let each regard the others as better than and superior to himself [thinking more highly of one another than you do of yourselves].
4 Let each of you esteem and look upon and be concerned for not [merely] his own interests, but also each for the interests of others.
5 Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:]
6 Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained,
7 But stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men and was born a human being.
8 And after He had appeared in human form, He abased and humbled Himself [still further] and carried His obedience to the extreme of death, even the death of the cross!
9 Therefore [because He stooped so low] God has highly exalted Him and has freely bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,
10 That in (at) the name of Jesus every knee should (must) bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 And every tongue [frankly and openly] confess and acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
AMP

Phil 2:2-11

2 then complete my joy by having a common purpose and a common love, by being one in heart and mind. 3 Do nothing out of rivalry or vanity; but, in humility, regard each other as better than yourselves – 4 look out for each other's interests and not just for your own.
5 Let your attitude toward one another be governed by your being in union with the Messiah Yeshua:
6 Though he was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God something to be possessed by force. 7 On the contrary, he emptied himself, in that he took the form of a slave by becoming like human beings are.
And when he appeared as a human being, 8 he humbled himself still more by becoming obedient even to death – death on a stake as a criminal! 9 Therefore God raised him to the highest place and gave him the name above every name;
10 that in honor of the name given Yeshua, every knee will bow – in heaven, on earth and under the earth – 11 and every tongue will acknowledge that Yeshua the Messiah is Adonai – to the glory of God the Father.
CJB

Phil 2:2-11

2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
ESV

CONCLUSION