

# MESSAGE

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TITLE : **HOW SHOULD WE COME OUT OF THIS QUARANTINE AND PANDEMIC**  
Text/s :

Job 23:10

10 But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

KJV

Bible Reading :

Ps 42

1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.

7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

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Song/s :

## MY LORD KNOWS THE WAY

My Lord Knows The Way Through The Wilderness

“... He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.” Psa. 23:3

My Lord Knows The Way Through The Wilderness

My Lord knows the way through the wilderness,

All I have to do is follow.

My Lord knows the way through the wilderness,

All I have to do is follow.

Strength for today is mine all the way,

And all that I need for tomorrow.

My Lord knows the way through the wilderness,

All I have to do is follow.

## I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

1

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.

2

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,  
Tho' none go with me I still will follow,  
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow;  
No turning back, no turning back.

3

My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;  
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus,  
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus;  
No turning back, No turning back.

4

The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
No turning back, no turning back.

### **EACH STEP I TAKE**

1

Each step I take my Saviour goes before me,  
And with His loving hand He leads the way,  
And with each breath I whisper "I adore Thee;"  
Oh, what joy to walk with Him each day.

Ref:

Each step I take I know that He will guide me;  
To higher ground He ever leads me on.  
Until some day the last step will be taken.  
Each step I take just leads me closer home.

2

At times I feel my faith begin to waver,  
When up ahead I see a chasm wide.  
It's then I turn and look up to my Saviour,  
I am strong when He is by my side.

3

I trust in God, no matter come what may,  
For life eternal in His hand,  
He holds the key that opens up the way,  
That will lead me to the promised land.

### **REJOICE IN THE LORD**

Ron Hamiltom

1

God never moves without purpose or plan  
When trying His servant and molding a man.  
Give thanks to the LORD though your testing seems long;

2

In darkness He giveth a song.

Chorus  
O Rejoice in the LORD  
He makes no mistake,  
He knoweth the end of each path that I take,  
For when I am tried  
And purified,  
I shall come forth as gold.

2  
I could not see through the shadows ahead;  
So I looked at the cross of my Savior instead.  
I bowed to the will of the Master that day;  
Then peace came and tears fled away.

Chorus  
O Rejoice in the LORD  
He makes no mistake,  
He knoweth the end of each path that I take,  
For when I am tried  
And purified,  
I shall come forth as gold.

3  
Now I can see testing comes from above;  
God strengthens His children and purges in love.  
My Father knows best, and I trust in His care;  
Through purging more fruit I will bear.

Chorus  
O Rejoice in the LORD  
He makes no mistake,  
He knoweth the end of each path that I take,  
For when I am tried  
And purified,  
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Other references :

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## INTRODUCTION

How do you intend to come out of this pandemic and quarantine? Do you actually take this as from the Lord?

What does this mean to take this as from the Lord?

If we put value to this experience and say that through this experience, this will make us better before God, then we take this as from the Lord. If we cannot say the same, then there is no faith in you and you are like other in this world who will just come out and be the same.

What is the greatest thing from being healed? That you were healed of that you were healed to be able to do something for yourself and others after you have been healed?

Some people thank God for simply being healed.

It's like the greatest thing that God can do is to heal! No.

The greatest thing that God does is not simply to get you healed but get you to be up to your feet, and do something abundant!

We look forward to being a people who will get out of this pandemic even more worthy of the grace and mercy of God in healing and getting us to be fruitful and pleasing before Him!

Someone said, "If you don't come out of this quarantine with a new skill or more knowledge gained...you are just fine. We are going through a collective traumatic experience. Not everyone has the privilege of turning a pandemic into something fun or productive."

This is true. But this is true for those who do not know the grace and mercy of God through Jesus Christ. I understand and I can accept this statement from unregenerate people. But if you have Christ, you have His Spirit in you, you have His love, grace, mercy, peace, this statement is a total rejection of the power of Christ in you!

The Bible is full of examples of lives of people who came out better...who came forth as gold through adversities and painful experiences.

Gen 50:20

20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

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Ps 119:67

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

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Ps 119:71-77

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.

75 I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.

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Ps 94:12-14

12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law;

13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

14 For the Lord will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

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Eccl 7:3-5

3 Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.

4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.

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Lam 3:27

27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

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1 Cor 11:32

32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

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Heb 12:10-13

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

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2 Cor 4:17-18

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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1 Peter 4:12-13

12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

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James 1:12-16

12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

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## **BODY**

Job 23:10

10 But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

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Job 2:9-10

9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

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Job 10:7

7 Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand.

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Job 13:15

15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

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This was not only true to Job. It was true to the whole nation of Israel when they came out of the wilderness.

Deut 8:2-3

2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.

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## A) The way of the Lord

Ps 1:6

6 For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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Ps 139:1-3

1 O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

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2 Tim 2:19-22

19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

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Deut 8:2-3

2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.

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Ps 66:10-20

10 For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

11 Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins.

12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

13 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows,

14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

15 I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.

16 Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

19 But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

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Mal 3:2-3

2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

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James 1:2-6

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

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## B) The leading of the Lord

Ps 23:3-4

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

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John 10:3-4

3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

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Ps 139:7-10

7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

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Rom 8:14

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

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Gal 5:16-18

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

KJV

Rom 8:5-14

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.  
13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.  
14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.  
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### C) Our profit out of them all

Gen 50:20  
20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.  
KJV

Deut 8:16  
16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;  
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Rom 8:28  
28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.  
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Heb 12:10-13  
10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.  
11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.  
12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;  
13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.  
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Rom 5:1-5  
1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:  
2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.  
3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;  
4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:  
5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.  
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Eph 1:18-23  
18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,  
19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,  
20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,  
21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:  
22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,  
23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.  
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Col 1:27

27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:  
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- Humility
- Knowledge of the value of the Spiritual
- Keeping of the Word of God

## CONCLUSION