

# MESSAGE

Occasion : Lighthouse Coming Together  
Theme : Able to Do Abundantly with Thanksgiving  
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**TITLE : WHEN WE ARE BUFFETED**  
Text/s :

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10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

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Bible Reading :

Song/s :



Jesus, Hold My  
Hand.mp3

As I travel through this pilgrim land  
There is a friend who walks with me  
Leads me safely through the sinking sand  
It is the Christ at Calvary.

This would be my prayer dear Lord each day  
To help me do the best I can  
For I need Thy light to guide me day and night  
Blessed Jesus hold my hand.

[Chorus:]  
Jesus hold my hand  
I need thee every hour  
Through this pilgrim land  
Protect me by thy power.

Hear my feeble plea  
O Lord look down on me  
When I kneel in prayer I hope to meet you there  
Blessed Jesus hold my hand.

[Instrumental]

Let me travel in the light divine  
That I may see the blessed way  
Keep me that I may be wholly Thine  
And sing redemption's song some day

I will be a soldier brave and true  
And ever firmly take a stand  
As I onward go and daily meet the foe  
Blessed Jesus hold my hand.

[Chorus:]

Jesus hold my hand  
I need thee every hour  
Through this pilgrim land  
Protect me by thy power.

Hear my feeble plea.  
And O Lord look down on me  
When I kneel in prayer I hope to meet you there  
Blessed Jesus hold my hand.

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Blessed Jesus hold my hand...



I'll Fly Away.mp3

1.  
Some glad morning when this life is o'er,  
I'll fly away;  
To a home on God's celestial shore,  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

Chorus

I'll fly away, Oh Glory  
I'll fly away; (in the morning)  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

2.  
When the shadows of this life have gone,  
I'll fly away;  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

Chorus

I'll fly away, Oh Glory  
I'll fly away; (in the morning)  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

3.  
Just a few more weary days and then,  
I'll fly away;  
To a land where joy shall never end,  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

## Chorus

I'll fly away, Oh Glory  
I'll fly away; (in the morning)  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).



Where Could I  
Go.mp3



Mansion Over The  
Hilltop.mp3

I'm satisfied with just a cottage below  
A little silver and a little gold  
But in that city where the ransomed will shine  
I want a gold one that's silver lined

## Chorus

I've got a mansion just over the hilltop  
In that bright land where we'll never grow old  
And some day yonder we'll never more wander  
But walk on streets that are purest gold

2

Though often tempted, tormented and tested  
And like the prophet, my pillow is stone  
And though I find here, no permanent dwelling  
I know He'll give me a mansion my own

## Chorus

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In that bright land where we'll never grow old  
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But walk on streets that are purest gold

3

Don't think me poor or deserted or lonely  
I'm not discouraged 'cuz I'm Heaven bound  
I'm just a pilgrim in search of a city  
I want a mansion, a robe, and a crown

## Chorus

I've got a mansion just over the hilltop  
In that bright land where we'll never grow old

And some day yonder we'll never more wander  
But walk on streets that are purest gold  
We'll walk on streets that are purest gold



Just A Closer Walk  
With Thee.mp3

1  
I am weak, but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Refrain:  
Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2  
Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Refrain:  
Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

3  
When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

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Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Other references :

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## INTRODUCTION

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10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.  
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2 Cor 12:7

7 Therefore, to keep me from becoming overly proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from the Adversary to pound away at me, so that I wouldn't grow conceited.  
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2 Cor 12:7

7 And to keep me from being puffed up and too much elated by the exceeding greatness (preeminence) of these revelations, there was given me a thorn (a splinter) in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to rack and buffet and harass me, to keep me from being excessively exalted. [Job 2:6.]  
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What does it mean to be buffeted?

- verb (used with object), buf·fet·ed, buf·fet·ing. to strike, as with the hand or fist. to strike against or push repeatedly: The wind buffeted the house. to contend against; battle.
- buf·fet<sup>2</sup>  
/'bʌfət/  
verb  
past tense: buffeted; past participle: buffeted  
(especially of wind or waves) strike repeatedly and violently; batter.

## BODY

### A) To be buffeted as people of God is not new.

#### 1) The Lord was buffeted

Matt 26:67

67 Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands,  
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#### 2) Job was buffeted

Job 2:2-7

2 And the Lord said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.  
3 And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.  
4 And Satan answered the Lord, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.  
5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.  
6 And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.  
7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.  
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#### 3) Paul was buffeted, including his companions.

2 Cor 12:7

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

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1 Cor 4:9-13

9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised.

11 **Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace;**

12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

13 Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

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#### 4) Everyone who will live godly suffer be buffeted

2 Tim 3:10-15

10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12 **Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.**

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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#### B) The Old Testament is filled with stories of people of faith who suffered

Heb 11:32-38

32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

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#### C) True believers therefore are not exempted from being buffeted

2 Tim 3:12

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

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**1) Paul reminded the Thessalonian church**

1 Thess 3:3-4

3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.

4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.

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**2) He told the Philippian church**

Phil 1:28-30

28 And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

30 Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

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**3) He described the Macedonian churches...**

2 Cor 8:1-2

1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;

2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

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**4) He told the churches in Rome**

Rom 5:2-5

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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**5) He told the Corinthian church**

1 Cor 15:58

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

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**6) The church in Smyrna was reminded by the Lord Himself**

Rev 2:8-10

8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.  
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## 7) Paul reminded Timothy

2 Tim 3:12  
12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.  
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## D) Some reasons why we are buffeted

### 1) It is possible that we be buffeted because of our own faults

1 Peter 2:20  
20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.  
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1 Peter 2:20  
20 For what credit is there in bearing up under a beating you deserve for doing something wrong? But if you bear up under punishment, even though you have done what is right, God looks on it with favor.  
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1 Peter 2:19-24  
19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.  
20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.  
21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:  
22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:  
23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:  
24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.  
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### 2) To keep us humble

2 Cor 12:1-7  
1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.  
2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.  
3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)  
4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.  
5 Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.  
6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.  
7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.  
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Gal 4:13-15

13 Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first.

14 And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.

15 Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.

KJV

1 Tim 3:6-7

6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

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### 3) To keep His righteousness in us.

1 Peter 4:17

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

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John 15:1-3

1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

KJV

## E) What to do if we are buffeted (for righteousness' sake)

### 1) Be not afraid but sanctify the Lord in your hearts

1 Peter 3:12-16

12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, **they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.**

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1 Peter 3:13-16

13 For who will hurt you if you become zealots for what is good? 14 But even if you do suffer for being righteous, you are blessed! Moreover, don't fear what they fear or be disturbed, 15 but treat the Messiah as holy, as Lord in your hearts; while remaining always ready to give a reasoned answer to anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you – yet with humility and fear, 16 keeping your conscience clear, so that when you are spoken against, those who abuse the good behavior flowing from your union with the Messiah may be put to shame.

CJB

### 2) Do not think this as a strange thing.

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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**3) Rejoice and be happy because the spirit of glory and of God rest upon you.**

Being reproached for Christ's sake becomes an opportunity for true believers to see the presence of God and His Spirit in us.

1 Peter 4:14

14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

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**4) Do not be ashamed that you go through such.**

1 Peter 4:16

16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

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Ashamed here means disgraced.

**5) Think that God's righteousness is being worked in us.**

1 Peter 4:17

17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

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1 Peter 4:17

17 For the time [has arrived] for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will [be] the end of those who do not respect or believe or obey the good news (the Gospel) of God?

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2 Cor 12:9

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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**6) Show that we can commit the keeping of our souls to Him Who knows what's best for us.**

1 Peter 4:19

19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

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2 Cor 12:10-11

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

11 I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.

KJV

**7) Continue in the word because the word is profitable in all things related to what we go through.**

2 Tim 3:12-17

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

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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.

14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

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**CONCLUSION**