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“GOOD IN THE MIDST OF TROUBLE”

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John 16:33 (KJV) These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

These days there seems to be trouble everywhere. When we turn on the news we see widespread trouble. When we talk to our family and friends, we hear about more troubles. Of course, we have some troubles of our own. Trouble is not unusual. In **St. John 16:33**, Jesus Himself said, “**In the world ye shall have tribulation...**” The Oxford dictionary defines tribulation as, “a cause of great trouble or suffering.” Jesus told us in His Word to expect trouble as a part of life in this world.

Nevertheless, constantly hearing about and seeing trouble can be disheartening. It can make a person feel as if there is little hope. If we allow our hearts and minds to remain focused on troubles, we can easily imagine things getting worse for us instead of better. We can begin to see disaster as more than a possibility, but instead as a certainty. We are sure of coming destruction, sure of endless misery, sure of what we’ll lack, sure of troubles ruling the day.

This is why Jesus also reminds us in **St John 16:33** that we are to be of good cheer. Some may ask, how can we be of good cheer with all that’s going on in this world? Jesus has a response for that also...be of good cheer because He has overcome the world. Christ has defeated sin and death. He has defeated evil. He has already conquered every situation or circumstance we will face. **THIS is the good in the midst of trouble. As believers, we have victory. As believers, we are overcomers!**

We often say that God is good. Well, in the midst of trouble, rather than focusing on the trouble itself, we must focus on what is good in the situation. God is with us always. For every battle, every trouble, every difficulty, every challenge He is there. We always have good with us always. **Psalms 23:6** says, “***Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:...***” So, there is good in the midst of trouble!

Not only is God present, but God’s mercy is, as well. This means that though we may have messed up, though we may not be deserving, though we may have made decisions that landed us in terrible situations, we can count on God’s mercy being right there with us, always. When we have repented of our sins, God is faithful to forgive us and allow us to access the many benefits that come with being a child of God. We have access to peace in the midst of the storm when we keep our minds stayed on the Lord. We have access to healing. We have access to deliverance. We have access to blessings and favor. When Jesus suffered, died, and rose again, He opened all of these things to the believer.

Whatever we're facing or will face, we must know that there is good in the midst of it because God is with us in the midst of it. We can be of good cheer and even rejoice because God our Father is going to bring us safely through.

THE RENZO REPORT

I am submitting my Monthly Ministry Report for November/December 2025. I've emailed my Ministry Cover Letter, Résumé Letters of Recommendation and other documents to one more new Pastor from Western New England and worldwide. As Evangelist and Revivalist from RGMS, I'm establishing contacts and sharing my vision of the urgent need for an NE churches to come together in fervent prayer for revival and evangelism. Having forged new relationships with 330 pastors since August 2020, our hope is to preach Revival, teach Christian History Seminars/tours together in New England after I secure enough commitments.

I am scheduled to preach at Greater Grace Church of CT in Enfield December 21st and 28th.

I will be participating in a monthly Pioneer Valley Pastors Prayer Lunch on December 18th at Bethany Assembly of God.

Pastor Reggie Cole and his son, Brian, helped me to strategize how to invite all the Pastors from Western MA, Northern CT, both Southern Vermont and Hampshire, to be involved with Dr. Michael Youssef's evangelistic efforts in Springfield MA. I visited over 215 churches in New England, Lord willing, I hope to revisit these churches in the future and enlist them in future evangelistic endeavors.

**Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Renzo Ventrice**

Weekly Ongoing Event:

***Holy Grounds Coffee House Morning Bible Study Monday & Thursday, 8:30am to 9:30am
191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA, 01105***

Women's Prayer with First Lady Cooley, Tuesdays 6pm-7pm

191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA

Bible Study with Inspiring Missionary, Angie Brown, Wednesdays 6pm,

191 Walnut Street Springfield MA

Bible Study with Pastoral Bible Study with Pastor Cooley, Fridays, 7pm -8pm

191 Walnut Street Springfield MA

UPCOMING EVENT:

The United Temple COGIC Congregation will be accompanying Pastor Dr. Constants S Cooley and First Lady Jacqueline Lee Cooley to Utica NY January 11, 2026.

(Please contact Pastor Cooley for more information)

Jurisdictional New Year's Revival January 7, 8, 9, 2026 @ 7pm nightly

United Temple 191 Walnut Street Springfield MA

Hosted by Pastor CS Cooley and Evangelist Tracy Perkins

Scripture of The Month

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.