

Multiplying Favor, Enabling & Joy 8

**The LORD who is ABOVE
all your circumstances**

How Jesus who is above all is with you. His peace helps us to rest while He causes all things to work for good for you.

2 Peter 1:2

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. NKJV
Florida – atheist – make hist – case against
Christian having holidays in Christmas and
Easter – Passover

Law of discrimination – unfair – atheist – go
no holiday

Your honor, how can you dismiss –
Christians have ... my client no such days
You are ignorant – the calendar says April
1st – psalms 14:1 says Fools say – heart –
no God

More faith to be **atheist** – Oxford

– **what** God don't believe in –

One that cause – earthquake – disease –
accidents – say – I don't believe that kind
of God

Right pict of God

First sign– **Supernatural** God – supern acc
– uncommon supplies –

Businessman – invite his presence – do –
blessed till embarrassed -

Lamb - pleasure in blessing you

LORD of Sabbath – Most miracles - Not
mean – BOSS – above law – do anything

LORD – can give you rest

Rest – key to blessings

Jesus: I **can't help** it, peo at rest – **receive
much more** from me

OT – promised land – land; **NT** – rest: place of
rest place of blessing

Heb: strive to enter that rest

Gen 6:8

8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the
LORD. NIV

Our **Good Shepherd** cares, leads and gone on
ahead of us preparing abundant provision for
us.

How Jesus is **above all your
circumstances**

– peace - cause things to work in your favor

John 6:16

*16 Now when evening came, His disciples
went down to the sea, 17 got into the boat,
and went over the sea toward Capernaum.
And it was already dark, and Jesus had not
come to them. 18 Then the sea arose
because a great wind was blowing. 19 So
when they had rowed about three or four
miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea
and drawing near the boat; and they were
afraid. NKJV*

Mark 6 45 – Jesus compelled – right wrong

Sometimes, get trouble – did wrong thing –
Jonah; sometimes trouble – right thing
4th watch of nite – 3-6 am - darkest hour

Whether **Christian** – **non** – **face** storms –
then – what **diff**?

What is the difference between the
Christian and non-Believer facing
challenges?

Diff is – in Christ – **cause** all things – work
for good

Rom 8:28-29

28 And we know that God causes everything
to work together for the good of those who love
God and are called according to his purpose for
them. NLT

Not all things **from** God – d – human sins –
did everything

– in Christ - all things work for gd

You **done** everything

– prayed – cast – speak – things not way
you planned

realise God can cause all things work for gd

Could be a **betrayal** – **delay** – **lost opport**

Felt – devastated – girl left you – years later
met – party – thank God – didn't get her

Delay - frust – never know – avoided a
major acci

Testimony of peo – missed flight – tire
punctured – later – thank God for it – avoid
the 911

911 – guy miss flight – tire punctured

Father – fireman – very stubborn – resistant –
lost his life in the twin towers

3 months later, knock on door – couple with a
baby

The lady – 7 months pregnant – saved by the
fireman – carrying her on his back – way down
– she shared gospel – knees – received Christ –
went back – didn't what he has to
Couple asked permission – name baby after
their father

Lost opport – that career – school

– later – glad – better job

How Jesus cause – work good – see him as
above all – at peace – knowing God cause
– all things – work for good

John 6:20 But He said to them, "Don't
be afraid. It's all right. (I AM) I am here!
JY

Fear not – guard **inside** – you guard the
outside

Prov 4:23-24

23 Above all else, guard your heart, for it
affects everything you do. NLT

Guard heart: fear worries – **what** if

I got cancer – lost job – husb leave me

Business fail

Bef – **steal** anything – steal peace

1 Peter 5:7-8

7 Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares
for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your

adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. NKJV

John 14:27-28

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. KJV

Let not your heart be troubled – he **cannot** – your **resp** – guard **inside**

He cannot – let not for you

Your resp – guard heart – let not

Guard inside – God will guard outside

How? - See him as **above all** – I AM – with you - at **peace** – God able to cause

Storms – opport to know Jesus – **fresh** – deeper way – ans – I AM

Not just about getting **ans** to financial trouble – healing

Greatest **danger** hindrance to peace – take **eyes of Jesus**

See – d power more – circum – people, even loved ones – self

What are the things that can make us take our eyes from Jesus?

1. See Him above all **negative forces**

Mark 6:49

49 but when they saw him walking on the water, they screamed in terror, thinking he was a ghost. NLT

Charismatics – **d conscious** – even our prayer - d centred – instead - **91**

Instead of speaking – addressing God – like in Ps 91

Ps 91:1-3

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." 3 Surely He shall deliver. NKJV

Address all types of d first – you d of acci – infirm – lying

Imagine d say – OK kena rebuked – as long as don't focus on Jesus

End of prayer – pict of how big d is

2. See Him above your **circumstances**

When – **look** at circum - storm –

overwhe'med

Fact – **already** at work arranging - **soln**

Mark 6:46-48

46 Afterward he went up into the hills by himself to pray.

47 During the night, the disciples were in their boat out in the middle of the lake, and Jesus was alone on land.

48 He saw that they were in serious trouble, rowing hard and struggling against the wind and waves. About three o'clock in the morning he came to them, walking on the water. He started to go past them, NLT

How do we judge the Lord when we are overwhelmed with the challenges?

Prob – **judge** the Lord – based on our exp – Jesus **sleeping**

Ano story – Jesus – in boat sleeping – **don't you care** – we are perishing

This what **Jacob** exp – thot lost his Joseph - Simeon – now about Ben

Jacob cried: tien ah, abishigen

Genesis 42:36

Joseph is no more and Simeon is no more, and now you want to take Benjamin. Everything is against me!" NIV

Jacob didn't know – God all the time behind the scene ...

arranging things in his favor – **soln** bef prob arises

If not **sold** – falsely **accused** - prison – if not **prison** – dream wont fulfilled

Exo 4:21

21 The LORD said to Moses, "When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go.

When God told Moses – tell Pharaoh – let my people go – know – wont listen

This is what you are to do

See Jesus as above all – **whatever** happen - **peace** joy

3. See Jesus above all **people**

- even peo love and peo love you become like Job 3 friends

Disappointed – loved ones – suppose give comfort – **David** got this exp

Ziklag – Amalekites – children wives

lifestocks – burn city to ground – wept – no more tears

1 Samuel 30:6b

Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters.

Own men – stone him

But David strengthened himself in the **LORD** his God. NJKV

See him above all – never disappointed

Altogether **lovely**

Kind – not soft – not walk over

Authoritative – not hurtful

Firm – not overbearing hard, legalistic

First **thot** – final thot

Sense his presence – Ps 23 – Ps 91

4. See Him above **yourself**

Look at **Self** – discouraged

How are we overwhelmed by ourselves in the midst of difficulties?

Focus on self
– done **this that enough**
– didn't pray fast give enough
Felt **not have**
the worth - ability – resources – faith
truth – not about you but about **HIM**
Matthew 14:29-32
Come – saw wind – afraid – sink – Lord help
No time for – Our father who
Mr Hallow
Did Jesus say – serve you right – no faith –
go down the water – drink some salt water
Matt 14:31
Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and
caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why
did you doubt?" NIV

While saying – little faith – already reached
out - Jesus respond even
But while he is saying that – he has already
reached out his hand and caught him
See Jesus responding even to **little faith**
– HIS faith and grace covers what's lacking
Know him as **above all – I AM –**
everything you need
Sick – health; **poor** – pros; **hurt**, broken
hearted – restoration; **no connection** –
supernat connection
When we are **IN** him – we take up **his ability -**
fly
How many can fly – get inside a plane
Take up ability of plane
Not going to struggle to fly – rest
Your **prob** is no **match** to the **power** of God
Greatest power in the universe on inside
Matter of **time** – what meant for evil – God
turn around situ turn around
No weapon prosper – one way – 7 ways
Fish – Moses sole – sm flounder – sea –
large shark – like fish that size
– early 70 – disc – shark – can't eat – fish –
unique protection – senses danger –
release chemical – cause shark jaw to
freeze – wide open – fish inside – just bite
– dinner – only problem – God puts
protection
Pressure not up – **know** not just anyone -
someone special – child - Surround with
fav
Always live in shadow of almighty
– angel charge

See him **above** all – cause all things
*John 6:21 Then they were eager to let
Him in the boat and immediately the boat
was at the land where they were going. JY*
Immed – arrived at **destination**
Many commentators – explain away –
saying – feel as if

Fact – John emp – **supernatural** deli –
accelerated fulfilment of destiny
Giants not there to **destroy** you – **promote**
you – accelerate your destiny
David – known as **shepherd** boy – if no
goliath

Psalms 107:29-30
29 He calmed the storm to a whisper and
stilled the waves. 30 What a blessing was that
stillness as he brought them safely into harbor!
NLT