

Confusing Times?  
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We live during a time where we are bombarded with conflicting messages. Choose any topic. An internet search will return results ranging from this is the best thing since sliced bread or it's the downfall of civilization. Social media shows followers of each side trying to drown out the other with a cacophony of arguments and attacks. Their opinion appears to be - whoever is the loudest, wins. It makes one long for the "good ole' days" when people had to argue face to face.

The confusion of the world is stressful. Even more distressing is when that confusion settles inside our heart, soul, and mind. When there's bad news, when a difficult choice is presented, when our faith is challenged, when we are under attack – these, and many more, can impact us in so many ways. They shake our confidence in God and self and they distract us from the call and mission that God has placed before us. Confusion is a tool of the devil.

This verse stands in contrast to the world - *For God is not a God of confusion, but of peace. 1 Cor. 14:33*. Scripture reminds us just how much God is not a God of confusion. When the masses were starving and complaining, Jesus fed them. When the storm was raging and all was lost, Jesus stilled it. When their hope was buried in a grave, Jesus rose from the dead.

Christ knew we would face times of confusion and uncertainty. In love, Jesus gave us these words of confidence - *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. John 14:27*. But being a God of action and not platitudes, He sent us the Holy Spirit to comfort, to guide, and to remind us of the hope and certainty of eternal life found in Christ Himself.

Challenges and heartbreak will not be kept at bay; bad news will still be given; attacks will still happen. However, in the midst of these times we can place our hope upon the Solid Rock and His promise of peace as we cling to Him.

Prayer: Lord, as we face confusion and uncertainty, send us the Comforter, your Holy Spirit, to calm us, guide us, and renew our faith and calling. Give us clarity and wisdom as we seek your will. Let us cling to you, for you alone are our salvation. Amen.