

John 16:33

what is the true picture of true love? How has Jesus prepared us to face sorrow by knowing his love presently.

John Piper says, "God does not turn away from doing you good. He doesn't do good to his children sometimes and bad to them other times. He keeps on doing good and he never will stop doing good for ten thousand ages of ages. When things are going 'bad' that does not mean that God has stopped doing good. It means he is shifting things around to get them in place for more good."

Conclusion:

- ✓ In ME you MAY have **peace**
Longing for what Jesus longs for will bring PEACE
- ✓ Take heart (θαρσεῖτε thar-sete) - confidence, boldness, no fear.
- ✓ world = trouble - sent into the world 17:18 [14-18]
You have no reason to need peace or confidence if you are NOT in the world
So GO claim your boldness in Christ and BE involved in the world for Christ' sake

Application:

Look to Christ by His Spirit - Be carried by His love - His "overcoming"
When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride
See from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown

The LOVE of God is displayed in Christ - Greater love has no one than this... 15:12-13

Lyrics to "Just be Held" - His love to you this Valentines Day is that He has overcome the world.

Casting Crowns

Hold it all together

Everybody needs you strong

But life hits you out of nowhere

And barely leaves you holding on

And when you're tired of fighting

Chained by your control

There's freedom in surrender

Lay it down and let it go

So when you're on your knees and answers seem so far away

You're not alone, stop holding on and just be held

Your world's not falling apart, it's falling into place

I'm on the throne, stop holding on and just be held

Just be held, just be held

If your eyes are on the storm

You'll wonder if I love you still

But if your eyes are on the cross

You'll know I always have and I always will

And not a tear is wasted

In time, you'll understand

I'm painting beauty with the ashes

Your life is in My hands

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Lift your hands, lift your eyes
In the storm is where you'll find Me
And where you are, I'll hold your heart
I'll hold your heart
Come to Me, find your rest
In the arms of the God who won't let go