



# Shiloh Messenger

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## Hope With Assurance

*"I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!"  
Psalms 27:13*

We love the stories behind the old Hymns. Many of them were birthed out of great pain, grief, and extreme challenges but they have been a source of comfort and hope and blessing through the years. And most of The Psalms as well are expressions of hearts that were going through some type of intense challenge, pain, and deep sorrow but yet they are so full of hope, Why is this? Because our Hope is not on circumstances but on a Person, THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST.

We were reminded most recently of the Powerful Hymn, "IN TIMES LIKE THESE " It was written in 1943. A self taught Pianist and organist Ruth Caye (1902-1972) married Bert Jones, a Pastor in Pennsylvania, and together they worked in the Evangelism Field. Late in 1943, Ruth now a Mother of 5 and wife of a busy Pastor, was reading 2 Timothy 3:1, which says, "In the last days perilous times shall come." As She read the Pittsburgh Newspapers, and saw the World War 2 casualty lists, and heard reports on the slow progress of Allied troops moving up the boot of Italy, it seemed to her those perilous times had already come. Rationing was hitting those at home hard, discouragement was everywhere. How long could people continue to live in times like that? Ruth took out a small notepad from her apron pocket and began to write down some words. A melody came to her that seemed to fit the Words She wrote. She had no formal music training, but she was not trying to write a song that would make her famous. She was actually just putting some thoughts on paper.. But, it happened to be the right song for the right time. And, soon, people around the world were singing it. In 1948, She and her husband founded a radio ministry in Erie, PA, broadcasting a weekly Family devotional program from their home called a visit with The Jones. Years later when she was watching a Billy Graham Crusade on television, She heard George Beverly Shea sing this song... her song, and tears came to her eyes! She said, " I can't believe I had any part of writing this song. I just feel that God gave it to me, and I gave it to the world." Since the day this hymn was written, it has been a blessing to countless Christians at special times of need. It has brought comfort during illness, has been used widely at funerals, has encouraged and challenged Christian Workers, and has drawn many to surrender their lives to The Lord Jesus.

Precious Friends, we are indeed living in perilous times and we do not deny it, yet we encourage you to read this hymn and today hold these morally tough times we are living in up to The Sovereignty of God.

"In times like these, You need a Savior, In times like these, you need an Anchor, be very sure, be very sure, your Anchor holds and grips the SOLID ROCK!"

"THE ROCK IS JESUS, YES, HE'S THE ONE. THE ROCK IS JESUS, THE ONLY ONE. BE VERY SURE, BE VERY SURE, YOUR ANCHOR HOLDS, AND GRIPS THE SOLID ROCK. IN TIMES LIKE THESE, YOU NEED THE BIBLE, IN TIMES LIKE THESE, O BE NOT IDLE! BE VERY SURE, BE VERY SURE, YOUR ANCHOR HOLDS AND GRIPS THE SOLID ROCK. IN TIMES LIKE THESE, I HAVE A SAVIOR, IN TIMES LIKE THESE, I HAVE AN ANCHOR, I'M VERY SURE, I'M VERY SURE, MY ANCHOR HOLDS AND GRIPS THE SOLID ROCK. "

As we type this note, we have been preparing and in earnest prayer regarding the potential projection of "Hurricane Laura" We continue to use our BLOOD BOUGHT Authority given to us by THE LORD JESUS and speak to that Storm to dissipate In JESUS NAME, and again, we know it is not our circumstances that gives us peace, BUT YET OUR ANCHOR AND HIS NAME IS JESUS.

" For The Mountains may be removed and hills may be shaken, MY LOVING DEVOTION WILL NOT DEPART FROM YOU AND MY COVENANT OF PEACE WILL NOT BE BROKEN, SAYS THE LORD, WHO HAS COMPASSION ON YOU." Isaiah 54:10

We are Thankful that HIS WORD gives us many precious TRUTHS and PROMISES. HE tells us, " YOU WILL KEEP HIM IN PERFECT PEACE, WHOSE MIND IS STAYED ON YOU, BECAUSE HE TRUSTS IN YOU. " ISAIAH 26:3

HE ALSO REMINDS US, "PERFECT LOVE CAST OUT FEAR." 1 John 4:18

JESUS TOLD US, " IN THIS WORLD, YOU WILL HAVE TRIBULATION, BUT BE OF GOOD CHEER, FOR I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD." John 16:33. Be encouraged! We are living in some of the most unfamiliar times in all of History and He has chosen us each for such a time as this!!! Make your election sure and hold firmly to that SOLID ROCK , JESUS!

## Shiloh Graduate

My name is Dustin Lear and I am 33 years old. I came to Shiloh from Kansas in 2016 after a divorce that left me addicted and broken beyond repair. I'd had a vague relationship with JESUS over the years, but it had taken a back seat to the drugs and alcohol that controlled my life at that time. On New Year's Day 2016, and at my rock bottom, I heard an audible word from The Lord to figure out how to fix my life and to be the miracle that I had been praying to see. Within two weeks I was at Shiloh Ministries where I stayed the full year and graduated on Friday, January 13th, 2017. I stayed as an Intern for Eight months, in which I met my wife, Erica. I dated her until we got married in 2018. Three days after our first Anniversary, we gave birth to our now, 15 month old Daughter, Ellie. Needless to say, we were pretty busy! And as it has for most people, 2020 has been an interesting year for us!!! We recently found out that we are having a baby boy that is due in December. We are so excited to have another addition to our family. God has been so good to us!! I thank God everyday for Shiloh Ministries and the impact that my time there still has on my life today. It can be hard adapting to the world after spending a year in an environment like Shiloh, but at this point I've realized that the goal for Shiloh Men is not to never do drugs or make mistakes again, The Goal is to always keep JESUS CHRIST as your center. It has been a long learning and growing process in the last three years since I left Shiloh. I have had quite a journey and have seen a lot of successes, relationships restored and miracles happen. I have also seen some things fail, had some relationships step back, and saw some prayers go unanswered. The one thing that never fails me though is my foundation in Christ. My only goal in life for me and my family is to preach The Gospel. We do not know exactly where that is going to lead us as a family right now. I am working for a very good company in a position that I do not deserve to have, But again, because of what was engrained in me at Shiloh, I am able to be trusted with much more than ever before. We continue to see restoration and are believing God for many big things to come! 2020 is not going to be a wasted year!! Jesus said to HIS Disciples, "The Harvest is great, but the workers are few, so pray to The Lord who is in charge of The Harvest, ASK HIM TO SEND MORE WORKERS INTO HIS FIELD." Matthew 9:37-38



**Shiloh Ministries is one of The Lord's many Ministry tools to reconcile men for restoration. We are blessed to be used of Him to preach the un-searchable riches that are in Christ Jesus (Eph. 3:8). Everyday we are hearing such wonderful testimonies of our Graduates pursuing their calling of a Godly husband, father, missionary, Staff person at local Churches and a minister of reconciliation in the work place. We are asking that you prayerfully consider financially supporting Shiloh Ministries every month. The Lord's ministry at Shiloh has always been financially free for the man who desires freedom from his addictions. Because of this, we simply trust The Holy Spirit to lead people to give financially. This ministry is grateful to those who express gratitude to God by co-laboring with us in discipleship. The expenditures are huge managing a campus that houses over 30 students, staff & interns. Please prayerfully consider Shiloh Ministries every month as good ground for your financial seed. We invite you to visit our web-site and read our Testimony section. It bares witness of our graduates fruit that is on display, for The Glory of God. Thanks for your giving to The Lord's Ministry at Shiloh!**

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