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**WHEN YOU PASS THROUGH THE WATERS...**

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As I write this newsletter, much of the state of Louisiana is in a state of emergency because of epic rains and flooding! The Weather Channel stated that as of yesterday more than 21" inches had fallen in Monroe and it's still raining! I am very grateful that Grace Place and my little house in the Garden District are dry but that is not the case for thousands! My heart is heavy for all the suffering and loss!

I can't leave my house because of all the flooding and streets closed so I started looking up scriptures on flooding and I want to share these encouraging words.

Luke 6:46-49, *"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."*

Isaiah 43:2 *"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you. When you walk through fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you."*

Psalms 93:3-4 *The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters."*

Jonah said, *"The waters surround me even to my soul; the deep closed around me." Then he said, When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord."*

In Matthew 5:45 the Word says, *"He makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."*

We have some very sobering days ahead, but if we will continue to trust in God's faithfulness ....even if we loose everything, and if we believe His Word that says that *"all things work for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."* And if we build the foundation of our lives on the Rock-aka Jesus-and do what He says....it's going to be alright and actually glorious!!

Psalms 61:2, *"When my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the Rock that is higher than I."*

Psalms 25:26, *"My flesh and my heart may fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."*

Nahum 1:7, *"The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him."*

*"Many waters can not quench love, nor can the floods drown it!"* Song of Solomon 8:7

I pray that the Word of God has encouraged you whether you are going through a testing time now or shall at some time later. Our God is faithful and He will never forsake us! I love you all and bless you in the Name of the Most High God!!

*Rhonda*



Pat Evans (Director at Grace Place) and husband Charles' home flooded due to all the rain. They are in need of much grace as they remove all furniture and belongings to higher ground and prepare for major repairs. Believing that God will give them much favor, strength and peace.



## GIVE HIM FIFTEEN

This is a great app to have on your phone or in your email!! It is a daily prayer movement that we all can pray daily through the ministry of Dutch Sheets to unite our country in prayer not only for the upcoming presidential elections but to also pray for national and individual repentance! We must humble ourselves and pray!!!



## AMAZON DONATIONS

For those of you who shop online, Amazon has a program called "Smile". It allows you to select a charitable organization so that part of the money from all your purchases will go to the selected organization. Grace Place is now on their list. You can go to this site for details:

<http://smile.amazon.com/gp/aw/ch/about> Thank you!

*The deepest level of worship is praising God in spite of the pain, thanking God during the trials, trusting Him when we're tempted to lose hope and loving Him when He seems so distant and far away. At my lowest, God is my hope. At my darkest, God is my light. At my weakest, God is my strength. At my saddest, God is my Comforter.*

*God has a purpose for your pain, a reason for your struggles and a reward for your faithfulness. Don't give up!! ~ Unknown*

