

Cave Time Blues - September 29, 2024

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures:

Rom 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

John 14:2-3 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if not, I would have told you. I am going away to prepare a place for you. If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also."

1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17 "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the archangel's voice, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are still alive will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so we will always be with the Lord."

Psalms 57:4 "I am surrounded by lions; I lie down with those who devour men. Their teeth are spears and arrows; their tongues are sharp swords."

Psalms 57:6a V6a "They prepared a net for my steps; I was despondent. They dug a pit ahead of me..."

Psalms 13:3a "Consider me and answer, Lord my God. Restore brightness to my eyes"

Psalms 56:3-4 "When I am afraid, I will trust in you; In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust, I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

John 17:21 "May they all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I am in You. May they also be one in Us, so the world may believe You sent Me."

1 Samuel 30:6 "David was in a difficult position because the troops talked about stoning him, for they were all very bitter over the loss of their sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God."

John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me."

Key Point: Look forward to your great future with Jesus. Trust God with your Cave Time Blues. Praise God. Do not fear.

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- What is your favorite season of the year and why?

Steps of faith: Reflect on your recent walk with Christ.

- Share with the group a step of faith you recently took.
- If you don't have a personal example, can you think of someone else's step of faith that has been encouraging or inspiring to you.

Start thinking:

- Read through the "Key Scriptures" as a group. What are your observations?
- Are you excited about your future or in the "Cave Time Blues"? Or, both?
- If you think through the "Christmas / Thanksgiving" timing example, did that make you feel anything new regarding your future in Christ?
- Look at the "signs of the 2nd coming" which Joe promised to include (see back side). How many of those could only be fulfilled in the 1900s or later? Are these all in place?

Start sharing:

- How frequently do you experience "Cave Time Blues"?
- Which of the "Key Scriptures" if you memorized it would help you to exit the "Cave Time Blues"?

Start doing: Without Jesus you can do nothing. In Jesus you are a conqueror. Choose one of the "Key Scriptures" this week and quote it to someone in the group after memorizing it.

Prayer Requests: Spend time praying together about what you shared tonight. It may be helpful to pray the scriptures back to God.

Some of the signs of the 2nd Coming of Christ:

- 1) Global deceit about the Messiah (Matt 24:3-5)
- 2) Global travel (Daniel 12:4)
- 3) Global explosion of knowledge (Daniel 12:4)
- 4) Global weather disasters (Luke 21:25)
- 5) Global telecommunication and television (Rev 11:9-10)
- 6) Global evangelism (Matthew 24:14)
- 7) Global pestilence (Matthew 24:7)
- 8) Global tracking and Positioning (Rev 13:16-17)
- 9) Global weapons of mass destruction (Matthew 24:21-22)
- 10) Global return of the Jewish people to Israel (Ezek 37:21-22)

.... And there are other signs.

Now, if you are seeing these signs, then trust the Lord today and get excited!

The rapture is coming soon, just like our analogy that Thanksgiving is coming soon.

So, why then do we sometimes feel depressed, afflicted, let down, disappointed, abandoned, and alone?

Be In Christ, Look up, trust Him, and praise Him.