

## Take Heart, Mom

**Read:** John 16:25-33

**Main Idea:** Jesus warns of coming scattering and tribulation, yet promises peace in Him who has overcome the world.

**Key Verses:** “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

### Key Principles

- Resting in Jesus’ love gives us the peace He has always intended for His people.
- True faith requires hearing Jesus’ word and responding to the simple gospel.
- Taking practical steps of love and faith in response to Jesus’ promises is itself an act of trust in His victory over the world.
- Remembering that Jesus has overcome the world is what fuels the courage and hope we need for present troubles.
- Affirming our love for Jesus and living by simple faith is the practical way we cultivate the relationship God Himself has established.
- A community that takes Jesus’ promises seriously protects both its mission and the peace that comes from walking in His overcoming power.

### Discussion

1. What does our response to Jesus’ warnings of tribulation reveal about whether we truly believe He is good and that His peace is best for us?
2. How does the teaching on the Father’s love and our love for Jesus in verses 25-27 model what it looks like to overcome in love?
3. What promises from this passage are you currently being called to remember and trust as you face a challenge or transition in your life?
4. Why does Jesus emphasize overcoming by faith through the simple gospel even as He predicts scattering, and what does this teach us about participation in the community of believers?
5. What does it look like, practically, to live by simple faith and take heart in your family, your workplace, or your church rather than being overcome by trouble?
6. Where are you most tempted to fear the troubles of the world this week, and what one concrete step of taking heart in Christ’s victory is this passage calling you to take?

### Prayer

Pray for hearts that find true peace in Christ rather than fear of the world’s trouble.

Pray that:

We would proclaim the peace found in joyful love for Jesus and faith in His gospel.

We would prepare and position ourselves to take heart and step into the hope He is calling us toward.

The lost would see in our unity and peace a witness to the victory found in God alone.

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b>Overcome in <u>Love</u>.</b>                     | <b>16:25-27</b> |
| 1.          | <u>He</u> loves <u>you</u> .                        | 16:25-26        |
| 2.          | <u>We</u> love <u>Him</u> .                         | 16:27           |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>Overcome by <u>Faith</u>.</b>                    | <b>16:27-32</b> |
| 1.          | Believe the simple <u>Gospel</u> .                  | 16:27-28        |
| 2.          | Live by simple <u>Faith</u> .                       | 16:29-32        |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>Overcome with <u>Hope</u>.</b>                   | <b>16:33</b>    |
| 1.          | In the <u>world</u> , we will have <u>trouble</u> . | 16:33           |
| 2.          | In <u>Him</u> , we can have <u>peace</u> .          | 16:33           |

NEXT WEEK:  
**Crossing Over**  
Joshua 3