

## **Buckle up! It's going to be a bumpy ride!**

If you have a television and have had it on at all, you will know that there is a great deal of dissention in this country. Not just in this country, but across the globe. Well, get ready, because it's just starting.

*And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.  
Mark 13:7-8 (KJV)*

As a child, I can remember reading those passages. Thinking how horrible this would all be. One thing I never thought about is that I would be around to see any of it. What's worse is that I have children and grandchildren that may be here to see the worst of it.

They may also see the end of it. How glorious the end will be for all who believe. Too be able to stand in awe of the Son, to be on bended knee as the Almighty descends to claim the heirs of the Father. All of the saints, who have held firm in the belief that Jesus is our savior, who are washed as white as snow and purified through the love of Christ, will spend eternity in the glow of our omnipotent Father.

*But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. Mark 13:24-26 (KJV)*

Although you are living in what seem to be the last days, you still have to live. You have jobs and families; babies are born and people die; you will experience joys and sorrows; and, we are all busy with own agendas. We will face problems of every nature. Through it all, sometimes completely transparently, God has His eye on each and every one of us.

Our place in all of this is simple...believe, love and pray.

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*Romans 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.*

*Luke 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*

This road I am on, called cancer, has truly made me aware of the presence of God in my life. From the circumstances of my diagnosis, through multiple (and sometimes serious) complications, through hours of infusions at the cancer center, through disappointments and disheartening news, God has been with me. In His infinite wisdom, He has turned disappointment into triumphs, setbacks into lessons and hours in the infusion chair into an opportunity to write uninterrupted.

Six months ago, I thought I was in my own “end days”. At that point, I could have decided to just give up and let the cancer eat me alive. But, I didn’t. With God as my life source, I chose to live.

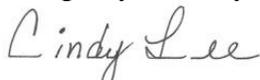
That is exactly what you and I need to do now...live. Not in fear of what is happening or may happen, but to live as we are instructed with faith, hope and charity (love). Loving our enemies and knowing that we are the children of the “Highest”.

*And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. 1 Corinthians 13:13*

*But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Luke 6:35*

The entire world has gone nuts! You and I know why and we are equipped to handle every trial and tribulation that comes our way. We have the Great Protector!

Blessing to you always,



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