

## *What Treasure Map Guides You?*

*John 16:19-22, 27-33*

Jesus taught that keeping our focus on what \_\_\_\_\_ is an important principle for maintaining our connection to Him. On the night before His crucifixion, Jesus predicted what would happen in the coming 3 days. After a time of \_\_\_\_\_, their tears would be turned to rejoicing because they would see Jesus raised from the dead and they would know that He had \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

This text serves as an example of what we often experience as followers of Christ. God's word never suggests that the world will gradually grow in \_\_\_\_\_ until Jesus returns. Rather, from Abraham to Moses to Job to the prophets to Jesus Himself, the pattern always seems to be periods of trouble and \_\_\_\_\_, patiently waiting for God to reveal His victory \_\_\_\_\_.

When John the Baptist was in prison and his faith seemed to falter, Jesus offered him evidence that He was truly the \_\_\_\_\_. Then he said, "blessed is the man who does not \_\_\_\_\_ on account of me."

It is hard to imagine that someone would fall away because of Jesus. Unless it is the person who \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, but Jesus seems only to be blessing and enriching the lives of \_\_\_\_\_.

How can we be at \_\_\_\_\_ and press on in times when the world seems arrayed against us? Jesus gave the answer in v. 33: "I have told you these things so that you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart? I have overcome the world." In other words, the victory is \_\_\_\_\_. We just have to \_\_\_\_\_ for it. And, while we rejoice in times of relief and reprieve along the way, the victory Jesus won for us is \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

Calvin Miller wrote: "The world is poor because her fortune is buried in the \_\_\_\_ and all her treasure maps are of the \_\_\_\_\_."

What treasure map \_\_\_\_\_? What goal do you \_\_\_\_\_? Your answer makes all the difference.