

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM MR. BRIGHTSIDE

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ENCOURAGING FACTS

- In the Quran, the prophet Muhammed is only mentioned 4 times. Jesus is mentioned 25 times!
- In the Quran, only one woman is ever mentioned by name. And that is Mary, the mother of Jesus.
- The Quran gives Jesus the following names: Word of God, Spirit of God, and Christ of God.
- The Quran lists many miracles of Jesus and states that Jesus went to Heaven, is alive, and will come again.
- By comparison, the Quran makes no mention that Muhammed is alive, that he did any miracles, or that he is coming back.

COLOSSIANS 3:2

"Set your mind on things above, not earthly things."

2 KINGS CHAPTER 6

The Story of the Prophet Elisha and His Servant

LUKE 18:27

"Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man, is possible with God."

PSALM 34:18

"God is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there were one set of footprints. This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints.

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

So I said to the Lord, "You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there have only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?" The Lord replied, "The times when you have seen only one set of footprints in the sand, is when I carried you."

ROMANS 8:18

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."

ROMANS 8:31

"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

ROMANS 8:32-39

"He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all - how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charges against those God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

ROMANS 8:32-39

As it is written: For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. No, in all things, we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither life nor death, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the Love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

2 TIMOTHY 1:13

"Keep all the things I taught you. They were given to you in the faith and love of Jesus Christ."

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

"And the things you have heard me say, in the presence of many witnesses, entrust unto reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

"Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy completed by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

HAVE A GREAT DAY!

Be both encouraged and an encourager as you go out into the world this week! --Mr. Brightside