



Part 3: Last Words

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The Last Words of Jesus

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely ***I am with you always***, to the very end of the age.” – Matthew 28:16-20 (*emphasis added*)

Jesus had the authority to lay down his life and to take it back up again.

Therefore go = “while you are going,” make disciples, baptize and teach

**I am with you always,
to the very end of the age...**

Jesus is with us in the new beginnings of a new life

Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel’s hand.” – Zechariah 4:10 (NLT)

Jesus is with us in the details of everyday life

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. – Matthew 10:29-31

See also Hebrews 13:5, Romans 8:28, Psalm 23:4

Jesus is with us in the pain of everyday life

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. – Hebrews 4:14-15

Jesus is with us in the hope of everyday life

Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

– Hebrews 4:16

Next Steps

This spring is a great time to get started growing at CTK. On today's program insert you can read about **Alpha** (starts next Monday night, April 13) and **baptism classes** (April 18 & 19 after services). The insert references even more details you can find in the spring edition of CTK Life. Sign up for either opportunity today at the Connection Point.

Small Group Questions

- 1) How did you celebrate Easter?
- 2) You've probably heard the question, "Any last words?" If you had only one opportunity left to talk to your loved ones, what would be your final words to them?
- 3) What does the knowledge of God's daily presence trigger in your soul? Shame? Joy? Passion? Hope?
- 4) Is there a small beginning that has grown into a spiritual victory for you? What is it? How long did it take?
- 5) What does it mean to you to "approach God's throne with confidence?" Does that change the way you pray?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?

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