

“Be of good cheer”

What a wonderful thing to say! Each time it's used in the Bible, it's directed at someone in trouble who was being reminded that Jesus is near and that He will deal with whatever the problem is.

“Son, be of good cheer; They sins be forgiven thee” Jesus told the man sick of the palsy before healing him (Matthew 9v2).

“Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid” Jesus said to the terrified disciples as He tread upon the stormy waves of the sea right before calming it all down (Matthew 14v27, Mark 6v50).

At the last supper Jesus said **“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world”** right before bearing our sins up Calvary and rising gloriously from the dead three days later (John 16v33)

Paul addressed the passengers, crew, and soldiers of the ship carrying him to Rome during a storm and said **“For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am and whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me,”** before continuing on to Rome and telling everyone that he met about Jesus Christ along the way. (Acts 27v23-25)

What a wonderful thing to say! I'm so thankful that the Lord Jesus Christ hasn't changed one bit since these things happened. I'm so thankful that He's always near us during our tribulations, and that one day soon He'll come back to get us and take us Home!

Be of good cheer! It won't be long!