

# God **STILL** has the Whole World in His Hands! *(pt 1: Uncertainty)*

Current times are uncertain, but God is not, and He still has the whole world in His hands!

A significant moment between Jesus and His disciples happen in a place known as the upper room, where they gathered for the Passover meal.

- Things aren't going well.
- Their popularity was diminishing.
- They knew there was momentum gaining for Jesus' arrest.
- Jesus kept talking about His death.
- And Judas was acting strangely.

**The certainty they had grown accustomed to was gone.** Now there were more questions than answers.

*Mark 14:17-29 (niv) When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. 18: While they were reclining at the table eating, He said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray Me - one who is eating with Me." 19: They were saddened, and one by one they said to Him, "Surely you don't mean me?" 20: "It is one of the Twelve," Jesus replied, "one*

*who dips bread into the bowl with Me. 21: The Son of Man will go just as it is written about Him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”*

Many Scriptures were written in environments of extreme uncertainty.

- **Sibling rivalry.** Joseph thrown into a pit by his brothers. But God was with him the whole time and elevated him from the pit to Pharaoh's right-hand man.
- **Rebellious kids.** David's son was conspiring against him. But God had a bigger plan, Jesus was to come from David's lineage.
- **Trusting God.** The frightened mother of Moses. From a basket floating on the Nile river, Moses became the deliverer of the Hebrews from 400 years of slavery.
- **Escaping danger.** Mary the mother of Jesus flees her home with her newborn son who became the Saviour of the world.
- **Serving regardless.** The apostle Paul from within a Roman prison writes amazing insights of Biblical truths that we apply into our lives today.

The Bible is filled with stories of people facing uncertainty and discovering that not only is God **NOT ABSENT** in those times, rather, He is diligently at work accomplishing His will in this world and in the lives of those He loves.

**In times of uncertainty, we are encouraged to trust Him regardless if we feel He is absent or seems disinterested.**

*22: While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take it; this is My body." 23: Then He took a cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. 24: "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," He said to them.*

Jesus foretells the event of His crucifixion that is remembered and celebrated to this day.

Over time millions of churches were built because of it and a worldwide movement of Christianity began.

*27: "You will all fall away," Jesus told them, "for it is written: "'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' 28: But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." 29: ... "Even if all fall away, I will not."*

Some questions for us to answer as we face our personal or national uncertainty:

**Is God still active in fulfilling His purposes throughout the world?**

**Can we maintain faith in God when there is seemingly no evidence of His activity in our life, in our country, or in our world?**

**Our answers will determine our response to the uncertainty that we are experiencing.**

The next three days were utter despair for the disciples. Yet, as we look back to this time, God did His greatest work for mankind through Jesus.

These three days was the finale of God's plan of redemption.



**When life is uncertain, God is not! He's still got the whole world in His hands.**

When we can see that God is working in and through the undesirable and uncertain circumstances there is a sense of peace and purpose that emerges that provides us with hope.