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The economies of the nations are shaking and crumbling, and fear is mounting worldwide. And now, as this shaking continues, we're witnessing Jesus words come to pass:

...upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity...mens hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken (Luke 21:25-26). Christ is warning us, Without hope in me, multitudes of people are literally going to die of fright!

For Jesus followers, however those who trust in Gods promises to preserve his children there is glorious freedom from all fear. In fact, all who come under the lordship of Christ never need fear again, if theyll just lay hold of the following secret: True freedom from fear consists of totally resigning ones life into the hands of the Lord.

Resigning ourselves into Gods care is an act of faith. It means putting ourselves completely under his power, wisdom and mercy, to be led and preserved according to his will alone. And, if we do so, the God of the universe promises to be totally responsible for us to feed, clothe and shelter us, and to guard our hearts from all evil.

Jesus provided the ultimate example of this kind of holy resignation, when he went to the cross. Just before he gave up his spirit, he cried aloud, ...Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit... (Luke 23:46).

Christ literally placed the keeping of both his life and his eternal future in the custody of the father. And, in doing so, he placed the souls of every one of his sheep into the fathers hands.

You may wonder, But didnt Jesus say he had the power both to lay down his life and to take it up again? (see John 10:18). Since he had the power to take up his life again, why did he resign it into Gods hands to be preserved? The answer is obvious: Jesus did it to set an example for all of his sheep to follow!

God Has the Power, Wisdom, Willingness and Love to Preserve His Beloved People.

If we're being asked to trust our lives to someone, then we have to know that this someone has the power to keep us from all danger, threats and violence. Otherwise, our trust is in vain. Simply put, our God has to have the wisdom and power to guide us as well as to guide countless multitudes of others through various crises and difficulties. And he must accomplish this guidance of his people in love.

Now, if you know the Lord at all, then you know this is his character. He is almighty, infinitely wise, and a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Indeed, he is the very essence of love. The apostle Paul writes, ...I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that

day (2 Timothy 1:12).

Paul is saying, I've put my life in the Lord's hands. And I'm persuaded he won't embezzle my trust. On the contrary, he's going to faithfully keep his word to preserve me because he's both able and willing to do so. That has been my experience with the Lord!

Today, as the storm clouds gather over our nation, our choice is clear: We can either resign our lives into the Lord's hands, or we can be responsible for keeping and preserving ourselves, a task that's impossible when God is shaking everything!

The fact is, our peace and contentment always depend on our resignation into God's hands, no matter what our circumstance. The psalmist writes, Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart (Psalm 37:4).

"If You've Fully Resigned Yourself Into God's Hands, Then You're Able To Endure Any and All Hardships."