

**Sermon Notes for October 10, 2021**  
**The Problem of Evil & Suffering, Part 5**  
**“We Can Choose To Be Bitter Or Better”**

**"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble.  
But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33**

**Jesus Offers Us Peace In The Midst Of Trouble**

**Philippians 4:6-7**

**Jesus Offers Us Courage To Face The Future**

**Matthew 14:22-33**

**Next Steps For Next Week, October 11 – October 17, 2021**

**Monday: Read John 16:33**

What are the 3 “promises” Jesus gives to His disciples (hint: 1 is bad; 2 are good)  
Begin memorizing John 16:33

**Tuesday: Read John 20:19-22**

Why are the disciples afraid?  
What are some things that give you fear?  
What does Jesus offer us for our fear?

**Wednesday: Read Romans 5:1-5**

How can we have “peace with God?”  
What is our “hope?”  
What is your understanding of the Jewish word, “Shalom?”  
Do you remember a time when you truly experienced Shalom? What were the circumstances?

**Thursday: Read Philippians 4:6-7**

What should we be doing with our anxiety and fear?  
Spend 15 minutes in prayer over these anxious & fearful things.

**Friday: Read Matthew 14:26-33**

Why were the disciples afraid?  
How does Jesus calm their fears?  
What did Peter do? How did

**Saturday: Read Romans 8:37-39**

Paul makes a list of things he is convinced can never happen.  
How can we be “more than conquerors” when faced with worry, problems & pain?

**Sunday: Read John 16:33 again**

Finish memorizing this verse.

Pick up a copy of Let's Roll, by Lisa Beamer. Read through this amazing story of how God gave “ordinary people extraordinary courage.”