

Favorite Scripture Becky Morris (2021)



Scripture – Book(s) and Chapter(s):

1 John 4:4

Scripture passage(s):

Greater is He who is in me, than he who is in the world.

Why this is my favorite scripture:

In these tumultuous times, every day can seem like a battle. If not fought outwardly, I fight my own self inwardly. I need a constant reminder that I have a Champion, Jesus Christ, who is BESIDE me, IN me, and FOR me! By myself, I am doomed to go through life a victim of my sin nature from within, and of Satan's arrows from without. For me, the worst barbs head my way through the words and actions of those I love, leading me to succumb to worry and doubt and the urge to step in and FIX all the problems I see with my own paltry weapons. My prayers turn into an instruction manual that I ask God to follow! Then when my efforts fail, and I find myself asking "What happened God?" And then for some crazy reason I feel doomed to repeat this same behavior again and again. This verse reminds me to stop fighting, and instead proclaim CHRIST IN ME, working out the will of our FATHER, and proclaim His sure victory over the forces of this world. John the Baptist said, "He (Jesus) must increase, and I must decrease." The battles are not mine to fight, but God's. Just as David conquered Goliath through the strength of the Lord, so can we conquer our fears and hurts and worries through living in the amazing love of our Heavenly Father. We should daily lay down our plans in favor of simply trusting Him, who lives in us through the Holy Spirit, to work out His will, bringing good out of every situation. I sometimes picture Jesus beside me, helping me, but then I realize that image still puts me in the center, in charge, depending on my own efforts. Better to picture myself as small and helpless, needing an infusion of miraculous strength, and receiving the very personhood of Jesus Christ, filling me up with Himself. I may feel like David, but when faced with a Goliath, I can confidently claim victory through this verse.

What it provides me:

Strength, hope, encouragement, peace

What I hope it brings to others:

Lord, it's me again. Thank you for offering to not only walk beside me, but to actually indwell my heart through Your Holy Spirit. Please increase my faith and trust so I can live today in the realization of what it means to have Jesus Himself inside me; to comfort, guide, strength, instruct, love, and yes to battle for me and those I love! Please help me to hear your voice, to do what you say, and to know when I need to simply get out of your way. In Jesus name,
Amen.