



**I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have (perfect) peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer (take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted)! For I have overcome the world. (I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.) John 16:33 AMP**

Military marriages, families, and relationships will certainly have to endure more than their fair share of tribulations, trials, and frustration. Training operations and deployments specifically can be as painful as labor pains to a military family.

Jesus is making a point in this scripture. Thoughts have come from the heart of God because He sees our future pain and knows what is coming in our lives. In the exhaling of His breath, Jesus is revealing His heart, to show us His love, nature, character, and divine control. Let me paraphrase Jesus. 'I have spoken some things in My word, that when you are united in Me, I have already made the provisions you are desperately searching for. I have already made a way in your worst tribulations and trials to provide you with perfect peace and confidence. Always cheer up and take courage in what I say, in My word, in the invisible, in Me, and have faith. I have deprived your issues of their power and authority to harm you. I have conquered them for you, because I love you and don't want to see you in pain and struggle. You are a warrior; you are more than a conqueror in Me, in My love, (Rom 8:37) because I love you more than you can imagine.'

You, your spouses, family members, and loved ones have made honorable choices to serve a cause much greater than yourselves. Because of this patriotic choice to serve your country, your family will inevitably feel the effects, the trials, and frustrations that come to military families. In this scripture Jesus is saying, 'You will have trials. They are coming, but know I have made a way, in the midst of your storm, in the worst combat zone of your life, to provide you with perfect peace and confidence.' When you are united with Christ, all of God's invisible attributes are available to you in layers. To unite with Christ and surrender your heart to Him, please check out our Warriors' Faith Invitation. And just when you are to the point where you don't think you can take it anymore, the peace that surpasses all understanding (Php 4:7) comes into your heart. You know His strength is sufficient in your weakness, and the pain you feel evaporates in to thin air, because of His Love for you.

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