

NOVEMBER 15, 2015



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



DANIEL 12:1–3

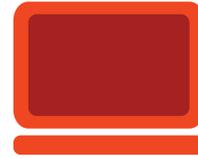
PSALM 16:5, 8, 9–10, 11

HEBREWS 10:11–14, 18

MARK 13:24–32

REFLECTION

In the Bible, apocalyptic writings and images of end times and tribulations are not intended as verbatim accounts of the future. Rather, they are symbolic accounts that tell us that, even when everything is going nuts around us, Jesus will take care of those who put their trust in him. Trouble? Fear? Conflict? Crisis? All-out despair and confusion? Jesus has been there and done that. Walk with him. Stay close to him. Don't fall into the vortex of becoming a blamer or victim. Our source is the ever-flowing and growing love of God. Yes, we fall, fail, and sin. When you do, cling to hope. Ask for help. Offer help. Forgive and receive forgiveness. Be the man or woman that God wants you to be! Live from a Christ-centered place rather than from a crisis-centered place. Jesus is always there.



"THERE WILL COME
A DAY"

FAITH HILL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VoJyZW6O318>

ACTION

Take inventory of this year in terms of successes and failures, or good times and tough times. Don't write to relive these things or retraumatize yourself. Simply write as if you were putting events you experienced on a shelf to see what was there. Write down three or four lessons you've learned. Make a list of things that will remind you what you have learned and what you can do differently as you walk with God and become the person God wants you to become.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- What does it mean to walk with God?
- Think about your most significant friendships. What basic things do you do to nurture and grow those friendships? How can you apply that to your relationship with God, in Jesus?