I Will Go Ahead Of You

Scripture: Matthew 26:32

Introduction

Here is a promise that applies not only to the life situations the disciples were about to face, but also to our lives. Christ never stands behind us and prods us forward through life's situations; instead He leads us, precedes us through the things that we must face.

Christ goes ahead of us in:

I. In the decisions we must make

<u>Proverbs 3:5-6</u> Trust in the Lord with thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

- A. God will guide you to the decision
- B. God will guide you through the decision
- C. God will guide you after the decision

II. In the difficulties that we must face

Hebrews 11:7-9 NIV Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.

- A. God's discipline is tailor made for you
- B. His discipline is designed to toughen you spiritually
 - Discipline can be both positive and negative
 - Discipline will either make or break you
- C. We are to endure while trusting
 - **2 Timothy 2:3** Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

III. In the victories we are to win

<u>1 John 5:4</u> For whosoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

A. God has commissioned us to victory

- B. God has armed us for victory
 - **2** Corinthians 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.)
- C. God has empowered us to victory

<u>Luke 10:19</u> Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy nothing shall by any means hurt you.