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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Mark 13:1-19

One year we attended a living Easter pageant in a large church across town. On the way home, our then three year old announced; "We should attend this church because that is where the real Jesus goes!" We often define greatness by the way it looks. Jesus warns us to be careful. We must look deeper.

Jesus warns His followers in Mark 13:5, "Watch out that no one deceives you." Living the Christian life brings challenges. We must stay close to what we know is true so we will not be deceived. People may turn against us. Friends and family who we have loved and trusted may turn away. Christians around the world are being persecuted, even put to death. Our battle cry is to stand strong, knowing the One we believe.

Jesus warns us about the trials and tribulations believers face. He also gives us a promise. We may face very hard things in our Christian walk, but we never have to walk alone! We do not need to be afraid. We are given the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide us and lead us even in the fiercest of battles.

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