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## Be with me Lord

### Part one of two

#### Introduction:

The words to this song were penned by T. O. Chisholm, and the music was composed by L. O. Sanderson.

Be with me, Lord--I cannot live without Thee,  
 I dare not try to take one step alone.  
 I cannot bear the loads of life, unaided,  
 I need Thy strength to lean myself upon.

Be with me, Lord, and then if dangers threaten,  
 If storms of trial burst above my head,  
 If lashing seas leap everywhere about me,  
 They cannot harm, or make my heart afraid.

Be with me, Lord! No other gift or blessing  
 Thou couldst bestow could with this one compare—  
 A constant sense of Thy abiding presence,  
 Where e'er I am, to feel that Thou art near.

Be with me Lord, when loneliness o'er-takes me,  
 When I must weep amid the fires of pain,  
 And when shall come the hour of "my departure"  
 For "worlds unknown," O Lord, be with me then.

#### I. BE WITH ME, LORD--I CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT THEE:

a. if faithful, the Lord is with us

[Joshua 14:8](#)

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b. Some people depend upon other people to be with them and forget to depend upon God

Judges 4:8,9

c. But if the Lord be with us, we, like Joshua, will prevail

Joshua 14:12

12

Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

1. Jabez prayed that the Lord would be with him to keep him from evil, and the Lord granted his request

I Chronicles 4:10

10

And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.

2. Even though Job lost everything, he remembered the days when the Lord was with him

Job 29:2-7

2

Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me;

3

When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness;

4

As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle;

5

When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me;

6

When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil;

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When I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street!

3. David praised and thanked God because He was with him

Psalm 13:6

6

I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

Psalm 23:4

4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
 thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psalm 42:7,8

7

Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8

Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the day time, and in the night his song shall be with  
 me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

d. What will be the result, if the Lord is with us?

Jeremiah 20:11-13

11

But the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they  
 shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: their everlasting confusion  
 shall never be forgotten.

12

But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, and seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy  
 vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.

13

Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD: for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of  
 evildoers.

e. Christ knew the power of having His disciples with him.

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Matthew 12:30

30

He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

Luke 23:43

43

And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

f. When Paul was ready to be delivered to death, he knew the power of having a faithful godly friend with him

II Timothy 4:11-17

11

Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

12

And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.

13

The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments.

14

Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works:

15

Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.

16

At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.

17

Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

g. we see a glimpse of what it means to be with the Lord

Revelation 3:4,5

4

Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

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5

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Revelation 3:20,21

20

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

21

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

II. I DARE NOT TRY TO TAKE ONE STEP ALONE:

a. Being alone in the world can make us vulnerable to the enemy or to the elements

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

9

Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

10

For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

11

Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?

12

And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

b. When we stand for the Lord and his ways, we often must stand alone

Jeremiah 15:17

17

I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation.

Lamentations 3:21-32

21

This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

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22

It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23

They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

24

The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

25

The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

26

It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

27

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke of his youth.

28

He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him.

29

He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope.

30

He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach.

31

For the LORD will not cast off for ever:

32

But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

c. Jesus knew that he would be left alone in His greatest trial

John 16:32.33

32

Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

33

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

d. Paul knew that the faith of some would fail when they were left alone

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Romans 11:1-4

1

I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2

God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel saying,

3

Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. [1 Kings 19:10, 14](#)

4

But what saith the answer of God unto him? [I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. 1 Kings 19:18](#)

III. I CANNOT BEAR THE LOADS OF LIFE, UNAIDED:

a. Paul knew the power of God's watchful care

II Timothy 3:10-12

10

But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

11

Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

II Corinthians 1:8-10

8

For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

9

But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

10

Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

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b. Sometimes weak members of the church doubt that God can save them

Matthew 19:26

26

But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

iv. I NEED THY STRENGTH TO LEAN MYSELF UPON:

a. Daniel knew the power of God's strength and protection

Daniel 6:20-22

20

And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

21

Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

22

My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

b. The psalmist, David, knew the power of God's strength

Psalm 27:12-14

12

Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

13

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

14

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Psalm 84:5

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Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.