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SPEAK, HOLY SPIRIT, SPEAK

(Jesus said) “But when they shall lead (arrest) you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.” Mark 13:11 (KJV)

As a business owner, communication with customers is essential, and since most of my customers are overseas, it can be a challenge. Most of the communication is through email which allows time for rephrasing and editing before sending. I will usually compose an email to a customer and then save it and do something else. Later when I come back to it, I find I could word it better and with more clarity. I think and premeditate about what I am going to say.

Jesus is telling his disciples not to think about what to say but let the Holy Spirit do the talking through them. This would be after being arrested for their faith in the near future. But as with most Biblical prophecy, it has both a near and a remote point of reference.

Even though Christianity in the U.S. is being marginalized and maligned for being narrowminded, I don't foresee getting arrested for my faith. However, the downfall of Christianity in this country is not God's fault but our own because we are not letting the Holy Spirit speak through us. We have our own agenda. We see the sin of others but fail to see our own (Luke 6:41). We need to let the Holy Spirit speak when we testify to our faith. We need to trust God to give us the correct words to say.

Let us pray: *Dear Heavenly Father, help us to trust You to put the Holy Spirit in our hearts so that He may speak through us to promote Your saving grace through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Your brother in Christ,

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