

## **"Because He Lives"**

***"Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives."***

I'm often encouraged when I consider closely the words of certain songs we sing. Even more so, when I find out the background of why the composer wrote them. For example, this song was written by Bill & Gloria Gaither in 1971, while Gloria was pregnant with one of their children. She had concerns about the world in which her baby would grow up.

Martin Luther King was killed. Not long after that Bobby Kennedy was killed as well. There were young people being drafted to fight in a war overseas. There were some in this country protesting that war. There was unrest at home and abroad. Definitely, evil existed and there was a lot to be concerned about. These events were the backdrop for the writing of this song. *"How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because He lives."*

Now, fast forward about 50 years...you look around and can still see all kinds of evil. There are mass shootings, wars overseas, and our country is so divided. Thankfully, we have the scriptures to give us hope & comfort. ***"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them (evil spirits), because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:4.***

The world may be evil, but we are not alone. We have Christ! He will help us overcome the evil in the world. The same God who has been here for us, will carry our children & grandchildren, if only they look to Him. Let's all do our best to lead our children & grandchildren, and also our family & friends, to Him!

## **Because He Lives**

***"...Because I live, you will live also."*** John 14:19

**God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.**

### **CHORUS:**

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living, just because He lives.**

**How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still, the calm assurance,  
This child can face uncertain days because He  
lives.**

### **CHORUS**

**And then one day I'll cross that river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.**