

Don't Be Afraid of Trouble

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Scriptures References:

- Jeremiah 29:10, 11, *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
- Psalm 27:13
- Romans 2:4
- Romans 5:2, 3
- Romans 5:1-4, *NLT*
- Nehemiah 8:10
- 2 Timothy 3:12
- James 1:2-4
- 2 Timothy 3:10-12, *NLT*
- Luke 22:42, *NLT*

Summary:

*Trouble is guaranteed to show up in the life of a believer. However, we must never run from it because it's one way God strengthens and matures us. He promises to never leave us in our situation; we can be confident that when something bad happens, God will always bring us good after it. Believing that He wants to run us over with His goodness allows Him to show us undeserved favor. Spiritual growth is the result of going through pressure; this type of development is God's will for us. Just like Paul, we can expect trials and tribulations; God delivered him through every one of them, and He'll deliver us as well. Realizing that adversity is how God prepares **us** for assignments gives us clarity on the "why" behind it.*

Notes:

1. God delivers the believer through every situation. Going through adversity matures us. Often, the reason trouble shows up is not because we sinned or did anything wrong, but so that the glory of God can be seen in our lives.
2. How we respond to trouble determines what happens next. We must not try to avoid it. We must stand on God's promises and not be moved from them.
3. When we're in trouble, we hire patience. Patience doesn't mean putting up with something, but constantly, consistently remaining the same in good times and bad. We don't change what we're believing God for.
4. No matter how long the situation lasts, we must maintain our stance in the victory Jesus has obtained for us. We'll come out more mature.
5. Temptation is pressure applied to our way of thinking. Satan operates through the mind; the mind is the battleground. The enemy will do everything he can to put pressure on what we believe. We mustn't give up, cave in, or quit.

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