Don't Be Afraid of Trouble (Part 2)
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Scripture References:
- 1 Peter 1:6, 7, *NLT*
- Philippians 3:12-14, *NLT*
- Galatians 5:16
- John 6:63
- 2 Peter 1:3-9, *NLT*
- Daniel 11:32

Summary:

Most people try to avoid adversity and suffering, but there's a reason for everything that happens. Relying on God when trouble shows up allows Him to mature us, strengthening and preparing us for our assignment. It's inevitable that we'll encounter trouble in our lives; however, nothing great ever happens without going through a situation. Moving out of immaturity changes our thinking until we no longer walk in unforgiveness or self-righteousness or mistreat others. Christian maturity calls for a radical reorganization of our priorities, from pleasing ourselves to pleasing God. Faith in His promises causes us to grow and develop, so that we become blessed to be a blessing to others. Not running away from the painful, difficult times brings us to progressively higher levels in which God can use us powerfully.

Notes:
1. Instead of shrinking back from trials and tribulations, Christians can joyfully endure them.
2. We can all expect trials and tribulations; in the midst of them, God is preparing and maturing us to function in the capacity and anointing that we were created for. God has a plan for us, but we must mature into it.
3. The trial of our faith is designed to move all self-dependence out of our lives. The process of maturing is to become more like Jesus Christ.
4. Our past can be one of the greatest enemies to our spiritual maturity; we can be hanging onto our past when God is trying to lead us into our future. We all have a past, but we shouldn't live there.
5. Responding in faith to God's promises causes them to be manifested physically. Our faith is instrumental to our spiritual growth and development.

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