

## **Trouble!**

### **Part 2**

#### **4.24.22**

**James 1:2 Dear brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. <sup>3</sup>For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. <sup>4</sup>So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.**

**<sup>5</sup>If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. <sup>6</sup>But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup>Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup>Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.**

**<sup>9</sup>Believers who are<sup>[b]</sup> poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. <sup>10</sup>And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them. They will fade away like a little flower in the field. <sup>12</sup>God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.**

- I. Not a matter of if....but WHEN !**
- II. Trouble comes in various forms**
- III. Do this when trouble comes!**
  - A. Choose joy.**
  - B. Embrace the results of the trouble**
  - C. Ask for wisdom**

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**1. Respond with prayer.**

**Proverbs 3:5** Trust in the LORD with all your heart;  
do not depend on your own understanding.

<sup>6</sup> Seek his will in all you do,  
and he will show you which path to take.

<sup>7a</sup> Don't be impressed with your own wisdom.

**2. God will not be mad at us for asking!**

**3. Ask with confidence**

<sup>6</sup> But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup> Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

**Jer 29:11-13** <sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. <sup>12</sup> In those days when you pray, I will listen. <sup>13</sup> If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

**4. God gladly gives wisdom...The promise**

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**D. Watch your attitude**

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**-Humility does not mean defeated. Humility acknowledges our limitation while believing God is bigger than our situation!**

**-Humility activates the power of Jesus in our life!**

**James 4:6 “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”**

**E. Expect the blessings!**

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