

## Trouble

2 Corinthians 4:8,9 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.

In this world you will have trouble. Job 14:1 says, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble." Trouble has no respecter of persons. Everyone goes through trouble. You will not live in this lifetime without facing some kind of trouble. Life happens to everyone. Regardless of race, ethics, and your bank account.

When life happens we must remember that we are troubled on every side, yet not distressed. We can go through difficulties without being stressed out. We are perplexed, but not in despair. We might be puzzled by the situation but we aren't without hope. We might be harassed or even hated but we're not abandoned. Cast down, but not destroyed. We're not defeated! Even in trouble we're more than conquerors. We conquer one problem at a time.

Psalm 34:19 says, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers him out of them all."

All we have to do when we are in trouble is look unto God. God is our help. He's a present help in times of trouble. We can look to the hill from whence all of our help comes from.

Trouble is an opportunity for God's glory to shine through our lives. God is still on the throne. God is in control of your life. God has a plan for your life. Trouble doesn't last always. God will not let you bear more than you can bear.

Weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning. It's going to be morning soon. Hold on, don't let go. Jacob wrestled all night with the angel of the Lord but he didn't let go. He held on for the blessing.

Don't break in this storm. Hold on for the blessing.

Amen