Trouble & Calamity
Doing Life God's Way – Part 9 of 11
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Introduction:

Trouble according to God's ways…

- Life's CONTEXT is Trouble (Job 5:7, Ps. 90:9-10, Eccl. 11:8, John 16:33)
- I have no right to a TROUBLE-FREE LIFE because of my rebellion against God. (Rom. 5:12, 8:20-21)
- It is ok to call trouble "BAD" (2 Cor. 1:8-9, Gen. 50:20, 2 Tim. 4:14)
- God uses, even the worst trouble, for our GOOD (Romans 8:28)

Three Common Sources of Trouble…

- **STUPIDITY** – Poor judgement, mistakes; mine or another's (2 Kings 6:1-7)
- **SIN** – My own and others (Deuteronomy 28:1-68, 1 Corinthians 10:1-12, Proverbs 1:20-33)
- The **CURSE** – Consequences of Adam's sin in the garden bringing about the broken state of humanity and world we live in (Genesis 3:16-19, Romans 8:19-23)

My Game Plan for facing Trouble…

- **Before it starts**
  - Live life God's way and walk in WISDOM (Proverbs 28:26)
  - PRAY for Protection (Matthew 6:13)
  - HELP Others (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Proverbs 18:1, 11:25)

- **During the trouble**
    - Keep the faith in FOCUS (2 Cor. 4:17-18, 5:7, Jos. 1:9, 1 Cor. 16:13)
    - Confess the TRUTH (Job 2:10, Acts 20:23-24, Matt. 28:18, Eph. 1:11, Rom. 8:28, Ps. 138:8)
    - PRAY, PRAY, PRAY (Prov. 29:23, 1 Peter 5:5, Ps. 66:18-19, Phil. 4:6, Jas. 1:5-8, Rom. 8:26)
    - Control my THOUGHTS (1 Pet. 1:13a, Phil. 4:6-8, 2 Cor. 10:5b)
    - Take appropriate ACTION (Prov. 24:13-14, 5-6)
    - ENDURE - Don't just **go** through it, **grow** through it! (Jas. 1:2-4, Rom. 5:3-4, Ps. 118:7-9)

- **After its over**
    - Praise and THANK God (Ps. 55:12-13, 54:6-7, 50:14-15)

My Next Step today is to…

- ❒ Memorize John16:33.
- ❒ Choose hope in _____ this week.
- ❒ Pick a truth from the trouble according to God's ways section and read the scriptures with that truth every day this week.