

Pressure on Every Side

The challenges of life and the stress that accompanies them, are our constant companions.

But, thank God:

Even though we share the same troubles that the world does, **we will overcome!**

Paul says it this way.

2 Corinthians 4:8-10 *"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed."*

There are three things that are certain in the life of every Christian:

I. YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLE!

A. The Bible promised it! **Job 14:1, 2**

B. The Psalmist promised it! **Psalm 90:10**

C. Jesus promised it! **John 16:33**

Everyone has troubles!

Some of us have just come through some troubles.

Others are in trouble right now.

Some are headed for trouble!

PRAISE GOD that that is not the end of this message!

II. GOD WILL DELIVER YOU FROM TROUBLE!

Psalm 91:1-4 AMPC

Vs. 3 *For [then] He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence*

A. The fowler is the devil.

He wants to foul up the plans God has for your life, your family, your health!

B. Jesus did say, *Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows.*

BUT HE DIDN'T STOP THERE!

John 16:33 He continued and said;

But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

And thank God, through Him, we will too!

C. No matter what you're going through;

REMEMBER: YOU ARE GOING THROUGH!

III. YOU'LL COME OUT OF YOUR TROUBLES STRONGER THAN BEFORE!

A. Consider Job! **Job 42:1-6**

You can get depressed reading about all his troubles.

But listen to the rest of the story!

So the Lord blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning. V.12

B. Consider Joseph! **Genesis 50:20.**

He was forsaken and falsely accused by family and friends.

Yet by keeping the right perspective, he was greatly blessed by God.

C. Consider The Apostle Paul!

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What for? Why keep on?

II Corinthians 4:15-18

All of this is for your benefit - God will receive more and more glory.

That is why we never give up.

VICTORY IS COMING!

And that VICTORY IS IN JESUS!