

~~IF~~ WHEN TROUBLE COMES

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 -- RECHARGE -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

JOHN 16:33 -- Jesus Speaking to His Disciples

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"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

WHAT TO DO WHEN TROUBLE COMES...

1) Direct your angst at SIN, not at GOD.

John 16:33

Genesis 3

- Remember the fall.
- Remember the age.
- Realize the curse.
- Remember the Big Picture!

CREATION

FALL

REDEMPTION

RESTORATION

2) Look to God for help and hope.

John 16:33

Psalms 121

Psalms 56

- This means turn to prayer.
- This means turn to godly friends/counsel/support.
- This means turn to Scripture. Psalms 119:41, 50
- This means turn to thanksgiving. James 1:2-4; 1 Thess 5:18; Phil 4:4-8

3) Realize that GOD IS AT WORK.

Romans 8:28

James 1:2-4

Psalms 119:67, 71, 75, 107

- **For non-Christians**, God may be calling you to saving faith.
- **For Christians**, God is calling you to greater faith.
 - Sometimes He is correcting you.
 - Sometimes He is protecting you.
 - Sometimes He is stretching you.
 - Sometimes He is preparing you.

4) Remember that CHRIST and HIS REWARD is WORTH IT.

Romans 8:18-39

*18 For I consider that **the sufferings of this present time** are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

*“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Revelation 21

5) Ask God to give you someone to bless.

2nd CORINTHIANS 1:3-7

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. 6 If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. 7 Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.