

Sermon Series – “From Test to Testimony”

Pt. 2 – Trusting God’s Providence

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Scripture Reading: Romans 8:26-28

Sermon Narrative: Acts 12:1-18

The Christian life is a life that ought to be based on faith in God. But this faith is often tested when we are faced with _____ and bewilderment over problems in our lives. Yes, we serve a God who is all-_____ and we know He hears our _____. But in times of difficulty how are we to understand God’s _____.

As we study this subject today, may your faith in God be strengthened!

Lessons from Peter’s Imprisonment

1. No matter how desperate the situation, always _____ (*This would have been difficult to do, especially after James’ murder.*)
 2. Even in the midst of desperation, trust God and get some _____.
 3. Though you don’t understand what’s going on, follow God’s _____.
 4. When you get out of the trial, share your _____ about what God has done, **even if it didn’t go exactly the way you wanted it to go.**
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The hardships I’ve suffered and the times of tremendous pressure which have brought me to despair, my Lord has **allowed** to happen, so I will learn not to rely on myself, but rather to rely on Him. He is my deliverer and on Him I set my hope. He will continue to deliver me through His gracious favor, granted in answer to my earnest prayers.

I know the **testing of my faith develops perseverance** that is doing a good work in me. **No matter how difficult my circumstances, I will not allow the devil to tempt me to doubt God’s love and His promises.** God will provide the way out of this temptation. **I will not allow unbelief to shut me out of His rest.** By the power of the Holy Spirit, I am bubbling over with hope. God fills me with all joy and peace as I continue to trust in Him.

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(2 Cor. 1:8&9; James 1:2-4; 1 Cor. 10:13; Heb. 3:18&19; Rom. 15:13)