

TROUBLED ABOUT TROUBLES

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INTRODUCTION:

- A. What are you going to do?
- B. James the half-brother of Jesus...

I. WHAT TO REMEMBER ABOUT TROUBLES

- A. Troubles are inevitable.
When troubles (of all kinds) come your way... – James 1:2a
- B. Troubles are predictably unpredictable.
When troubles come your way... – James 1:2b
- C. Troubles can bring about a good outcome.
...consider it an opportunity for great joy. – James 1:2c

II. WHAT TO BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR

- A. Troubles test our faith.
For you know that when your faith is tested... – James 1:3a
- B. Troubles develop us for the long haul in life.
...your endurance has a chance to grow. – James 1:3b

So, let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. – James 1:4

II. BE TRIUMPHANT OVER TROUBLES

- A. Be rejoiceful.
...consider it an opportunity for great joy. – James 1:2c
- B. Be prayerful, asking God for wisdom.
If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke for asking. – James 1:5
- C. Be trusting of God.
But when you ask Him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. – James 1:6
- D. A sincere faith....no wavering in the waves of life.
Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. – James 1:6
- E. Be blessed.
God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him. – James 1:12

CONCLUSION.