

Trouble? Bring it!

- A song from the movie O Brother where art thou? Man of constant sorrows.
- I am a man of constant sorrow, I've seen trouble all my days, I bid farewell to old Kentucky, the place where I was born and raised
- For six long years I've been in trouble, no pleasures here on earth I found
- For in this world I'm bound to ramble, I have no friends to help me now
- It's fare thee well my old true lover, I never expect to see you again
- For I'm bound to ride that northern railroad, Perhaps I'll die upon this train
- You can bury me in some deep valley, For many years where I may lay
- Then you may learn to love another, While I am sleeping in my grave
- Maybe you remember Hee Haw.
- Gloom, despair, and agony on me, Deep, dark depression, excessive misery
- If it weren't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all, Gloom, despair, and agony on me
- So how do we react to trouble in our lives?
- Do we sit around and feel sorry for ourselves?
- Do we sing or listen to sad songs and wonder why does this always happen to me?
- Let's look at our scripture.
- Paul start our scripture by making a logical argument.
- **Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.**
- Dikaioō
- to be justified v. — to be or become judicially vindicated as having complied with the requirements of the law (of God).
- We are innocent in the eyes of God. Not because of any work that we have done but because of our faith in Jesus and what he has done for us.
- We have peace because of the saving work of Jesus on the cross.
- **peace** n. — harmonious relations and freedom from disputes; especially during the absence of war.
- One time in our lives we were in disharmony with God. We went our own way and did whatever we wanted to.
- **Romans 5:10 (NLT)**
- **10 For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.**

- Now we live in harmony with God.
- **Psalm 85:10 (NLT)**
- **10 Unfailing love and truth have met together. Righteousness and peace have kissed!**
- **Romans 5:2 Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.**
- Jesus has brought us to this place of undeserved privilege or grace. We can stand with confidence. We can share in God's glory.
- What a great place to be. What a great privilege this is and it is all because of Jesus!
- We have joy because of the love of God and His grace.
- Our lives can be full of joy as we look forward to the day we live with God in heaven. Living in His glory. His perfection and love.
- **Romans 5: 3 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance.**
- Another place of joy is in our trials and problems. What an odd thing to say.
- My first thought when I have troubles is not a thoughts of joy.
- Just think about it. You are miles from home and your car breaks down. I know I want to get out the car jump up and down shouting woo-hoo my car broke down!
- **Rejoice** - *to express an unusually high degree of confidence in someone or something being exceptionally noteworthy— 'to boast.*
- We have a high degree of confidence that when the problems come they will help us develop endurance.
- **Romans 5:4 And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. 5 And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.**
- Paul isn't the only one that wrote this concept.
- In James we read this;
- **James 1:2-4 (NLT)**
- **2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.**
- We need to count it as joy or rejoice in our troubles.

- According to Paul there is a progression our trials develop endurance and that endurance develops strength of character. The character develops confident hope and that hope doesn't disappoint us.
- We know that we will develop endurance.
- If you ever tried to train for a 5K or if you had a major surgery you need to develop your endurance.
- This endurance helps us to face these trials. This endurance helps us to remember how faithful God is to us.
- **Lamentations 3:18–23 (NLT)**
 - **18 I cry out, “My splendor is gone! Everything I had hoped for from the LORD is lost!”**
 - **19 The thought of my suffering and homelessness is bitter beyond words.**
 - **20 I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss. 21 Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: 22 The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. 23 Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.**
- Listen to Jeremiah **20 I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss. 21 Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: 22 The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease.**
- The trials we go through do affect us but they shouldn't take our hope away.
- You wonder why our hope shouldn't vanish.
- Our hope is in the Lord.
- **Psalm 33:20 (NLT)**
 - **20 We put our hope in the LORD. He is our help and our shield.**
- Remember the song man of constant sorrows?
- I left out the last verse.
- *Maybe your friends think I'm just a stranger, my face you never will see no more*
- *But there is one promise that is given, I'll meet you on God's golden shore.*
- Yes, the promise of eternal life. The promise of God's love always being with us. These are the things that give us hope and those things are eternal.
- The things of the world are temporary.
- Our God is eternal and we will live in His house forever so, let's put our hope in Him!