

THE SPIRIT OF FAITH

Troubled, But Not Troubled

I. The spirit of faith never allows the trouble to trouble it-2 Corinthians 4:8, Psalm 32:6 AMP

- A. This attack, this **trouble** (Pressed hard upon, compressed, afflicted, distress) is coming at them from every angle
 - 1. **EVERY**---Amplified Bible-On every side, in every way (Spirit, Soul, Body, Relationships, Finances)
- B. We're troubled, but not troubled
 - 1. This trouble around us has not gotten in us; This trouble around us is not troubling us
 - a. The trouble is designed to get in you and govern you and effect what you believe and what you say and how you act
 - 2. The spirit of faith never let's the troubles of the battle trouble the mind and bring defeat to the mind
 - a. If you looked at the outside you'd have to say I'm not winning, but on the inside I'm winning
 - b. Even though the attack is coming from every angle we are still winning in the mind
 - 1) **Distressed**-Agony of mind
- C. If you're not troubled by the trouble then that means with trouble on every side, trouble never got inside and they had peace-John14:1,27
 - 1. They didn't find this trouble to be very troubling
 - 2. When you live by faith it's not that you don't have trouble, but rather it's that you're not troubled

II. ***The spirit of faith recognized that the battle is not natural and war the enemy is waging is against my faith***

- A. 1 Timothy 6:12-The fight is not about what you do or don't have naturally, the fight is not obtaining something from God, the fight is about this: what do you believe and will you believe
 - 1. It's a faith fight, not a circumstance fight
- B. Your faith is precious to both the enemy and to God
 - 1. Satan is not after you, he's after your faith
 - 2. There's an enemy out there working 24/7 to try to rob you of your faith and he'll use any natural thing he can to steal your faith from you and he's deceptive, cunning, and crafty
 - 3. He's not after what I have or who I am, he's after what I believe because if he can't get my faith he can't get what I have
 - 4. We're troubled, but not troubled means the circumstances may be dark, but we still have our faith
- C. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5-This war is not with the result you need in the natural, this war is with your mind
 - 1. If the trouble never troubles you, then you will overcome the trouble
- D. Isaiah 7:6-Satan's first level of attack is always on your faith
 - 1. When faith is retained, the enemy will have no breach

- E. John 10:10-The thief comes not, but for to steal – To steal what? To steal your faith
 - 1. If there is no robbing of faith, there will be no killing and destroying
 - 2. Mark 4:15-He targets the word because faith comes by the word and if you have no word you have no faith
- F. Ephesians 6:16-If Satan can steal your shield he can destroy the armor; there's nothing left to quench his arrows with
 - 1. Psalm 64:3-Words are like arrows and you quench his words with the shield of faith
 - 2. When the enemy attacks words are his greatest weapon because if allowed they can rob the believer of their most prized possession and that would be their faith
 - 3. This battle the enemy is waging is spiritual and his target is your faith