

That's What He Said: **There Will Be Trouble**

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All Bible passages are quoted from the New International Version of the Bible unless otherwise noted.

John 15:18-20 | ¹⁸ “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.

BIG IDEA: Jesus never promised a comfortable life.

John 16:33 | “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.”

1. Expect TROUBLE.

2. Take REFUGE in Him.

John 14:27 | Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

3. Use the HARD lessons to STRENGTHEN others.

Luke 22:31-32 | ³¹ “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

NEXT STEP: What lesson are you learning? How can you use your experiences to strengthen others?

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Further Study & Discussion Questions

Getting to Know You:

1. What is one challenge you faced this week and how did you handle it?
2. Share a time when you felt at peace despite a difficult situation.

Quick Review:

1. How does the peace that Jesus gives differ from the peace the world offers?
2. What do you think it means to be "sifted like wheat" and how does this process end up strengthening our faith?
3. Identify one thing you have learned from a recent challenge. How can you use this lesson to strengthen others?

Digging Deeper:

1. Read **Philippians 4:6-7**.

Philippians 4:6-7 | ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

What does it mean to not be anxious about anything? How can prayer and thanksgiving lead to experiencing God's peace? Share a time when you felt God's peace guard your heart and your mind.

2. Read **Isaiah 26:3**.

Isaiah 26:3 | You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

What does it mean to have a steadfast mind? How does trusting in God lead to perfect peace? How can we cultivate a steadfast mind in our daily lives?

3. Read **Psalms 34:18**.

Psalms 34:18 | The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

What does it mean that the Lord is close to the brokenhearted? How can we find hope and strength in this promise during difficult times? Reflect on a time when you felt God's presence during a time of brokenness.

4. Read **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 | ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

How does God comfort us in our troubles? How can we use the comfort we receive from God to help others? Share an example of how you have been able to comfort someone else because of your own experiences.

Putting it into Practice:

What specific troubles are you facing right now? What is one way you can apply what you learned in the message and study to these troubles?

What is one step you can take to cultivate a habit of taking refuge in Jesus and experiencing His peace today?

Community Impact: Look around you. How can you be more aware of the challenges people are facing and offer them support?