Peace in Troubled Times

Like the disciples in our text, we sometimes think we have it all together, but then unexpected trouble comes, and we find that we don’t. In verse 33, Jesus prepares us for those times with four fundamental truths.

**1. Trouble is *promised***

A. Trouble for His elect *people*

B. Trouble for His beloved *church*

**2. Peace is *offered***

A. You *“may”* have peace

B. But only *in Christ*

**3. Courage is *needed***

A. The struggle may be *difficult*

B. The struggle may be *long*

**4. Victory is *assured***

A. *Christ has overcome* the world

B. In Him, *you will overcome* the world

1 John 5:4-5

**For Private Meditation or Family Discussion**

1. How did the Lord speak to you through the message? Did He put His finger on any habits or attitudes that you need to change? Did He encourage you regarding some difficulty, move you to undertake some new challenge, or open your heart to some truth you hadn’t seen before?

2. Why should we not be surprised when we pass through fiery ordeals?

1 Peter 4:12-13

Hebrews 2:10-13

Hebrews 12:3-13

Romans 8:16-25

3. To whom does God give His peace?

Psalm 85:7-10

Isaiah 26:3-4

Isaiah 57:15-21

Philippians 4:4-9