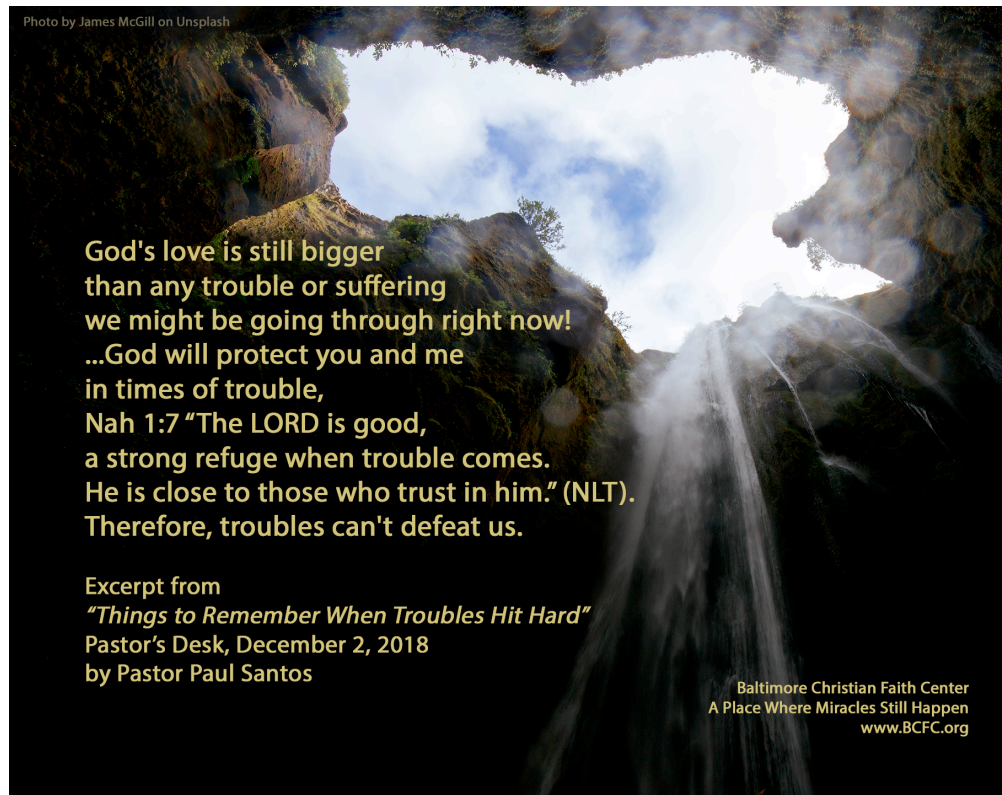


Things to Remember When Troubles Hit Hard!

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One of the things we can't escape in life is being free of troubles. Inasmuch we wish that would be the case, in one way or another, troubles are always knocking at our doorsteps. Here are some encouraging thoughts from God's Word.

God is aware of all the troubles we are going through, and expects us to react positively! We read in Psa 31:7, "Your kindness makes me so happy. You have seen my suffering. You know about the troubles I have." (ERV) God's love is still bigger than any trouble or suffering we might be going through right now! Another translation puts it so well, Psa 31:7 "I will be glad and rejoice in your unfailing love, for you have seen my troubles, and you care about the anguish of my soul." (NLT) God will protect you and me in times of trouble, Nah 1:7 "The LORD is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. He is close to those who trust in him." (NLT). Therefore, troubles can't defeat us.

We read in 2 Co 4:8-9, "We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God." (NLT) So then the question remains, what is the best way to react when surrounded by troubles? 1 Pe 5:7, "Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you." (NLT) At the end of the day, whatever troubles come our way, they are not bigger nor stronger than our God! So, we must always remember 2 Co 1:3-4, "All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us." (NLT).

Let me wrap up by saying, our God is, and always will be, greater, mightier, stronger than any trouble that we might face. To Him be all glory! This is something good to remember.

In His Service, your fellow servant,
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