

YOU WON'T HAVE BAD DAYS

John 16:20-23

Did He Say That? Week 3

"I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy."²¹ A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy." - John 16:20-22 NIV

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble." - John 16:33 NIV

TWO BLESSINGS FROM TROUBLE, TRIALS, AND HARDSHIPS:

- Trouble, trials and hardship PROVE your FAITH.

"So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—through your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world." - 1 Peter 1:6-7 NLT

"As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ...When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they

quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." – Matthew 13:4-8; 19-23

A faith that has been tested is a faith that can be trusted.

- PREPARE you for PURPOSE.

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." - James 1:2-4 NIV

For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. 1 John 5:4-5 NIV

"... In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33 NIV

Deeper Thoughts & Life Application

- What are some benefits of a faith that's been tested?
- Reach out to others who are facing struggles and ask how you can encourage them this week.