



# Turning Trials into Testimonies

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**Preparing & Strengthening  
Ourselves for Whatever Lays Ahead**

# Eph 4:12-13

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- “...to **prepare** God's people for works of service, so that the **body** of Christ may be built up (13) until we all reach **unity** in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become **mature**, attaining to the whole measure of the **fullness** of Christ.”

# The PATHWAY From What is Good to That Which is Evil

- 1 – **Overlook** evil
- 2 – **Permit** evil
- 3 – **Legalize** Evil
- 4 – **Promote** Evil
- 5 – **Celebrate** Evil
- 6 – **Persecute** Those Who Still Call It Evil



# UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES

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- 1Chron. 12:32 NIV84 “men of Issachar, who ***understood the times*** and knew what Israel should do—200 chiefs, with all their relatives under their command;”
- Est 1:12-13 NIV84 But when the attendants delivered the king's command, Queen Vashti refused to come. Then the king became furious and burned with anger. (13) Since it was customary for the king to consult experts in matters of law and justice, he spoke with the ***wise men who understood the times***

# WISDOM FOR TODAY

- James 1:5 NIV84 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.
- Psalm 111:10 NIV84 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

## 1 Peter 1:1-6

OUR IDENTITY

OUR INHERITANCE

OUR INSURANCE POLICY

# WHAT MUST WE DO?



# COMMUNION

A photograph of a glowing yellow tent pitched on a rocky, snow-dusted mountain peak at night. The tent is illuminated from within, casting a warm yellow light. The background features jagged, snow-covered mountain ranges under a dark blue night sky with a bright moon or star in the upper right corner.



**PAIN  
&  
TRIALS  
ARE THE  
1<sup>ST</sup> STEP**

v. 7 – “These have come so  
that...”



# THIS WORLD WILL ALWAYS HAVE TROUBLE

- Jesus: **John 16:33** NIV84 "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."
- **Rom 8:28** - "*In all things* God works for the good"
- **Psalms 119:71** NIV84 It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.

# THIS WORLD WILL ALWAYS HAVE TROUBLE

- 1Cor. 10:13 NIV84 No temptation (testing) has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted (tested) beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted (test), he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.



# THE KEY: FAITH IN HIM – HIS WORD – PROMISES

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James 1:2-4 NIV84 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Are You In That Place –  
Experiencing Trials Of  
Various Kinds?

Short & Long Term

*“These have come so  
that...”*

Open Your Bible to:  
Ephesians 3:14-21

