



NEVER FORSAKEN: PART 3

NEVER FORSAKEN IN OUR TIMES OF TROUBLE

2 CORINTHIANS 4:17

Is God Faithful in Times of Trouble? YES.

Psalm 46:1-3

¹ God is our refuge and strength, **an ever-present help in trouble.** ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

He Transforms Troubles into Gain

Genesis 50:18-19 – Joseph’s Trouble

¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said. ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ **You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.**

Philippians 1:12-14 - Paul’s Trouble

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that **what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.** ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And **because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord** and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

We are not forsaken, God is able to turn our trials into gain.

He Refines Us through Our Troubles

2Corinthians 4:16-18

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For **our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.**

¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

James 1:2-4

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

We are not forsaken, God is able to use our troubles to refine and perfect us.

He Comforts Us and Makes Us Comforters

Hebrews 4:15-16 – The Great Empathizer

¹⁵ For **we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are**—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

2Corinthians 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.**

We are not forsaken, we will be comforted and become able to give comfort.

He Lets Us Prove True Worship and Faith

Job 42:2-3

² “I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ³ You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’ Surely **I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.**

John 16:33

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.**”

We are not forsaken, but we ARE given the opportunity to demonstrate true faith!