

## **ALL IN TO BUILD FOR OUR FUTURE**

*“The God of heaven Himself will prosper us: therefore we His servants will arise and build...So we built...for the people had a mind to work. A good person leaves an inheritance for their children’s children...”* **Nehemiah 2:20; 4:6; Proverbs 13:22**  
(NKJV)



### ***This Week’s Thought – March 19, 2017***

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*“But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.”* Psalm 59:16 (NIV)

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Times of trouble are ever looming in our life. They are approaching us, surrounding us, or engulfing us. Times of trouble are never too far off, so we should not be surprised when they arrive. It may be relational trouble. Maybe you’re in trouble at work because of someone else’s choices, or maybe the business has gone from times of abundance to times of trouble. Whatever it might be, times of trouble can take us down if we are not rooted in the Word of God.

God’s Word is our anchor in adversity. It reminds us to place our hope in heaven, and not on earth. The principles of Scripture teach us how to act and what we need to do while we wait on God, because times of trouble tempt us to lose our trust in God. However, trust looks trouble in the eye and is not terrified. Trust trumps trouble. This was Daniel’s demeanor in the lion’s den (Daniel 6:22).

Furthermore, there is an urge to overreact during times of trouble. Instead of giving God control, we try to seize it and won’t let go. A closed hand cannot trust, while an open hand releases control to Christ. Let go, and let the Lord lead you through this time of trouble. We think we are in control, but in reality we never have been and never will be. Christ is in control. You can sing to heaven and quit murmuring to man because God is omnipotent. The Almighty is all-powerful.

The Lord is large and in charge. Therefore, you can exclaim in praise over His all-encompassing power (2 Chronicles 20:22). Your song of satisfaction is for God alone because you have experienced His loving kindness in the midst of your times of trouble. Your refuge is His righteousness, not your riches. You came into this world without, and you will leave this world without (Job 1:21). So, between your first and last breath, take your refuge in the One who introduces you to life and death. Use times of trouble to trust Him deeply and love Him sweetly.

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Times of trouble lead to opportunity; so seize this moment for your Savior. Above all else, praise God for His provision of peace during times of trouble. Trouble is your ticket for trust.

**Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Dear God, help me daily to become aware of Your blessings. Help me to see the good that is all around me. Open up my eyes so that I may no longer be blind to Your continual gifts. Help me to be happy, and satisfied. I choose to no longer live in want, but to be showered with awareness of the blessings that I already have. I thank You most of all for the knowledge that I have my spiritual nature that knows that I am never alone. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!”**

*“And then God answered: “Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)*

Yours in Christ, Pastor King