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Title: Raise A Hallelujah

Trouble is going to come our way. What do we do when it arrives? How do we handle it? This past Sunday Jon talked to us about trouble out of James 1:2. Jon linked James' use of the word trouble to that of Jesus' promise that the world will be full of tribulation (John 16:33). He was keen to note that he doesn't believe that God causes or gives people things like sickness, but sickness – for example - is going to come our way. So, what do we do when it does? Jon offered three gifts that God wants to give us as well as three pathways to receiving those gifts.

- 1) In times of trouble, God offers peace in place of doubt and chaos.
- 2) God offers us good cheer (joy and hope) in the place of despair.
- 3) In times of tribulation, God offers faith in place of fear.

One might be thinking that's nice, but how do we (I) really get there? The answers aren't necessarily universal nor are they easy, but they are simple. Jon offered three possible pathways to experiencing this exchange.

- 1) Worship and/or praise in the midst of crisis.
- 2) Continuing to be filled and/or renewed by/with the Holy Spirit
- 3) Prayer

Discussion Points

- Have you ever been in a time of tribulation/trouble? How did you handle that experience?
- What was helpful to hear from others during this time? What wasn't helpful?
- Have you experienced any of the exchanges that Pastor Jon talked about? If so explain.
- Maybe you found a different pathway to receiving such an exchange (e.g. peace in crisis). If so, would you care to share?
- Are you in the midst of trouble right now? How can the group pray/help you?

Scriptures

James 1:2-4, John 16:33, John 20:21-22, Acts 2:4, Acts 4:13, Acts 4:31, Judges 6:23-27, John 20:27-29, 2 Corinthians 10:3-6, Hebrews 12:25-29

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