

SERMON NOTES

September 30 & October 1, 2023

Out of Control: Trouble John 16:33

1. My belief _____.

John 20:31

2. My belief _____.

Matthew 14:31

3. My belief _____.

Matthew 14:30, 32

4. My belief _____.

John 16:33

5. Do I believe _____?

Matthew 16:13-20

Life Steps

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Monday

John 16:25-33

Reflect: The trouble Jesus warns the disciples about is a direct result of their faith in Jesus. When was the last time your faith led to trouble in your life? How was your belief shaped in that experience?

Prayer: God, I know that in all things you are working for my good. I believe you are for me.

Tuesday

Matthew 14:22-31

Reflect: The trouble we experience has a way of focusing our attention onto something. Peter had no difficulty finding Jesus in his storm. When you experience trouble, is it difficult for you to find Jesus?

Prayer: God, I know that in all things you are working for my good. I believe you are for me.

Wednesday

Exodus 14:13, 21-22

Reflect: Moses stood with a sea before him, an Egyptian army pursuing him, and a frightened people with him; and yet, he was calm. His belief in God shaped his peace on that day. How might your belief in God today shape your peace before the storm has a chance to arrive?

Prayer: God, I know that in all things you are working for my good. I believe you are for me.

Thursday

Acts 7:54-59

Reflect: Stephen's belief in Jesus was the very thing that allowed him to endure the pain of being stoned to death. Name an experience where your belief in Jesus has allowed you to endure difficulty.

Prayer: God, I know that in all things you are working for my good. I believe you are for me.

Friday

Matthew 16:13-19

Reflect: The most important question to answer in life is this: who do I say Jesus is? Take a moment this morning and reflect on that question. Be as real, as specific, as personal as you can in your answer.

Prayer: God, I know that in all things you are working for my good. I believe you are for me.

Saturday

James 1:2-4

Reflect: What we believe about God, about ourselves, about joy, about trouble will say everything about how we live each day. What do you believe about God and trouble? How can you prepare for today with this understanding?

Prayer: God, I know that in all things you are working for my good. I believe you are for me.

Sunday

Psalms 71:1-8

Reflect: As you prepare for worship, take note of all you have gone through this week with God. Find joy today in celebrating the faithfulness of God within community.

Prayer: God, I know that in all things you are working for my good. I believe you are for me.