

# A Theology of Trouble – 1 Peter 4:12-16

## Introduction

Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble. **Job 14:1 (ESV)**

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name **1 Peter 4:12-16 (ESV)**

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. **James 1:2-5 (ESV)**

“He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need.”

**Acts 17:25**

## 1. God Uses Trouble to Reveal Me

And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. **Deut. 8:2 (ESV)**

## 2. God Uses Trouble to Reform Me

As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? Heb.

## 3. God Uses Trouble to Rescue Me

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. **Gen. 50:20 (ESV)**

## 4. God Uses Trouble to Refine Me

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. **Philippians 1:6 (ESV)**

The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

**Job 33:4 (ESV)**

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! **Psalms 150:6 (ESV)**