When You Pray: People of Faith Pastor Dennis Rouse March 14-15, 2020

# 2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

### **John 14:27 NIV**

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

### Psalm 91:1-3 NLT

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from DEADLY DISEASE.

### Psalm 91:6-7 NLT

Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday. Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you.

#### Psalm 91:14-16 NLT

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them. I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation."

#### Luke 18:8 NLT

"I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?"

# 3 Things People of Faith Do in Times of Trouble:

1. Focus on the promise instead of the problem.

### 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NKJV

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

# Psalm 103:1-5 NKJV

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

## Isaiah 43:2 NLT

"When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you."

2. Speak the Word in spite of your thoughts.

### Proverbs 18:21 NKJV

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

## Proverbs 18:21 MSG

Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—YOU CHOOSE.

3. Remember God is fighting for you!

#### Exodus 14:13-14 AMP

Then Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid! Take your stand [be firm and confident and undismayed] and see the salvation of the

Lord which He will accomplish for you today; for those Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see again. THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR YOU WHILE YOU [only need to] KEEP SILENT AND REMAIN CALM."

# **Deuteronomy 3:22 NIV**

"Do not be afraid of them; the Lord your God himself will fight for you."

# **Deuteronomy 20:4 NIV**

"For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory."

### **Romans 8:31-37 MSG**

So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us? And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God's chosen? Who would dare even to point a finger? The One who died for us—who was raised to life for us!—is the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us. Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way!