

THE TRIALS ARE TRAILS TO HIS BLESSING John 16:33

33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." NIV

- Healing comes after the hurt. Offenses can be in us so long that we get use to the pain...even in our marriage.
 - Where does it hurt? Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow
 - James 1:2-8
2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. 5 *If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.* 6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does. NIV
 - Wisdom to get through the trials in a Godly way.
 - Wisdom> so the offense can be healed through the process when we are “up against the wall” and cannot run anymore.
- The key is IN ME you will have peace.
 - Without Christ and/or without healing of offenses we will find our peace in many things. Hobbies, work, TV, sports, church activities, sex-porn, “Better Homes and Garden” living, children, controlling, business.
 - Peace> “oneness” The peace we have comes from being one with Christ.
 - IN ME is fully engulfed in HIM
 - A marriage IN HIM is ready for the trials and the healing that comes from change.
- YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLE
 - God's tool in healing our lives. Hold on and let Him teach you as He wants to.
 - Let the troubles obey you:
 - Troubles means learning about your healing
 - Troubles means understanding God's bigger picture
 - Troubles means God bringing offenses to the surface, as well as anything else that is “in there”. **YOU NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO SEE HIS HEALING COME TO FRUITION.**
 - Troubles means a revelation of what God wants to do in us when we do not see it. He is faithful.
- OUR RESPONSE:
 - Eccl 5:6 Do not let your mouth lead you into sin. NIV
 - From the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.....
 - Realize and name the offense. As a individual/as a couple.



Write it down:

Family Member Friend Spiritual Leader Teacher/Others

1 John 3:14-15 >14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. 15 Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. NIV