



This Spot Is Taken (I Don't Want No Trouble)

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

Trouble is the common denominator of all mankind. Certainly, we would not even debate that the human family has adversity, calamity, sorrow, distress, anxiety, worry, fear, and despair. All we need to do is read the news or talk to our neighbor to realize that trouble is all around us. I would venture to guess that many of you reading this are faced with some kind of trouble in your life at this very moment. If not, you will be very soon. Trouble, at some degree and at some time, touches every life.

But that is only the bad news.

I am so happy that as much as there is a Job 14:1, there is also a John 14:1!

John 14:1 "Let not your hearts be troubled." - Jesus

Notice, He did not say that you would not have trouble. Actually, He was saying quite the opposite. He was telling His disciples that they would be hated by men for His namesake. So what was Jesus saying?

He was letting His disciples know that even when life is full of trouble, our hearts don't have to be.

Trouble may be all around you, but don't let it get in you. Things may look hopeless, but keep on hoping. Circumstances may look grim, but don't let it affect your attitude.

Your heart was not meant for trouble. Your heart was meant for Him. Trouble and the Holy Ghost won't make good roommates. Not even if you put them up in opposite corners of your heart.



So next time trouble comes knockin', looking for a place to stay. Just tell trouble...

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