

GOOD TROUBLE

Nahum 1: 7

The late congressman John Robert Lewis said that if you are going to get in trouble find some Good Trouble. Trouble is inescapable in the fabric of life. Some types of trouble are beyond our control, such as natural disasters. Other types of trouble result from good or bad choices. Bad choices can lead to trouble and no good outcome. When we see sin or wrongdoing and attempt to get involved to correct an injustice, we prepare to get in good trouble.

The J brothers in the bible found themselves in various kinds of trouble. Remember the trouble of Job, Joshua and Joseph in the Old Testament and John the Baptist, the Apostle John, Joseph, and James in the New Testament. The greatest man who found constant trouble is our Lord Jesus. He went from trouble to trouble, He navigated His way through trouble, and He came to the rescue of those who were in trouble. Battling injustices is good trouble. Correcting an oppressive system is good trouble.

Let me share with you three things to celebrate as we encounter good trouble:

1. The Lord is Good.
 - A. He will fight your battles
 - B. He helps you face your burdens
 - C. He gives you faith en route to your blessings

2. The Lord is Gracious.
 - A. He is your strength
 - B. He is your salvation
 - C. He is your sanctification

3. The Lord is Glorious.
 - A. He is with us in our tribulation
 - B. He is with us when we are tested
 - C. He is with us because in God we trust

Don't give in, don't give up and don't give out! Keep the faith!