# STAY OUT OF TROUBLE

BELIEVE IN GOD

**Text:** John 14:1-4
**Title:** Stay Out of Trouble Part II
**Thought:** Trouble will visit but can't stay
**Topic:** Dealing with Trouble
**Teaching:** How to overcome a troubled Heart

**Sermon Story Recap**
I shared the story of how to shut the door on trouble like we do on unexpected visitors

**Sermon Sentence:**
Every believer must learn how to protect their hearts from the troubles of life.

**Sermon Saying:**
The way to stay out of trouble is to keep trouble out of your heart

**Blessing Paragraph:**
Trouble is a reality, but God has given us a remedy, belief in God will keep trouble at bay

**Problem Paragraph:**
A believing and troubled heart cannot coexist, one will overtake the other

**Challenge Paragraph:**
We must keep trusting Jesus to protect our hearts from being overwhelmed by trouble

**Text Background**
Jesus tells them trouble is coming, but then tells them not to let their hearts be troubled

**Text Outline:**

**1. How to keep Your Heart from Being Troubled**

**A. Decide you won't allow it**
Jesus said don't let your heart be troubled

**i. Understand The Target of Trouble**
1. Trouble wants to attack the heart

**ii. Understand the Impact of Trouble**
1. Trouble wants to disrupt your peace, causes commotion and chaos

**iii. Understand the Source of Trouble**
1. Trouble is anything you don't like, and don't want to happen

**iv. Understand How to Stay Out of Trouble**
1. We can't let the trouble around us disrupt the belief and peace inside of us

**I. Jesus Says Believe in God, And Believe in Me**

- **Jesus Says Don't Allow Trouble to Choke Out Belief**
  - Trouble not only disrupts peace, but it also produces doubt
  - Example: trouble is cheese on the mouse trap, but doubt is what crushes you
  - Jesus is speaking to his disciples to address the trouble and the doubt it causes
  - Trouble will cause you to doubt your future, you ask, what am I going to do now

- **Jesus Says Believe Me Now**
  - Believe Gods word about your future even when it feels like things are falling apart
  - Example: Abraham hoped against hope… when all the odds were against him Rom 4:18
  - Can you trust that God knows best when nothing seems to be getting better
  - Can you trust God beyond the trouble, Jesus looked to the joy beyond the cross Heb 12:2
  - Jesus says when life is lifing, make the choice to believe in me

- **Ask Jesus to Help Your Doubt… Mark 9:23-24**
  - They have doubts about Jesus' agenda they didn't understand what he was doing or why
  - Example: you will say for real, I'm dead serious, when you feel someone is doubting you
  - Jesus says, if it was not so, I would tell you, he's speaking to their doubt
  - I believe someone was thinking, God has a mansion in heaven yeah right
  - I believe Jesus read their mind and responded, Matt 9:4
  - Sometime Jesus helps us to believe, by revealing that he knows our doubts

- **Jesus Will Help You Change Your Focus**
  - Jesus tells them he's leaving, then points them towards their future fellowship
  - Example: People borrow money until they get their taxes, the focus is on the future
  - Jesus says life is about to get hectic, then Jesus changes their focus to heaven
  - Jesus told them about the trouble, but also about the good times that were to come
  - We have to believe in the word God gave us before the trouble came 2 Cor 4:17

- **Jesus Will Point Your Faith to The Future**
  - Jesus says in the future you will be with me in my father's house
  - Example: Your child wants to go to a theme park; you say not this year but next year
  - You're using the future permission to offset the disappointment of the present
  - Jesus lets them know that in spite of the present trouble their future is secure
  - Jesus let them know the trouble they face won't separate them … Rom 8:35-39

- **The Priority of Jesus is Your Fellowship**
  - He says I'm going away to prepare a place so that you can be with me
  - Example: People ask, where do you see yourself in 5-10 years,
  - Jesus is thinking long term, he says where do you see yourself in eternity
  - Jesus loves you so much he wants you to be with him for eternity
  - What Jesus is doing in your life right now is based on securing your future with him

- **Jesus Is Getting Things Ready**
  - Jesus says there is a mansion and he's going away to prepare the place for us
  - I am wondering if the mansion is already there what is Jesus preparing
  - Does Jesus have to get the room ready like before we check into a hotel
  - Jesus doesn't have to prepare the mansion for us, he has to prepare us for the mansion
  - In the father's mansion only, righteousness can get you in, there can't be any sin.

- **Jesus Is Taking Care of The Problem**
  - Jesus told the disciples handle the little trouble, while I deal with the big trouble
  - The big trouble is sin, sin is the source of all the trouble we face
  - The biggest threat to your future with Jesus is sin, so Jesus came to fix the problem
  - The bible says nothing unclean can enter heaven, that's where the mansion is
  - If I don't cleanse your sin, then you can't be with me in the father's house Rev 21:7
  - Jesus says I have to go away to the cross, so I can make sure your always with me
  - Jesus says me going to the cross looks like trouble, but really its triumph
  - Jesus says I'm going to become the victim so I can give you the victory
  - Some of the stuff that looks like trouble now will turn out for your victory
  - When Jairus daughter Jesus told them him to keep believing  Mark 5:35-36