



Presence Doors Pt. 4: “The Nature of Trouble”

SET LIST *(worship optional)*

The Lion and The Lamb by Leeland
You Know My Name by Tasha Cobbs Leonard
Nothing Else by Cody Carnes
Rez Power by Israel Houghton

OPEN IN PRAYER

MAIN SCRIPTURES *(read when prompted)*

Luke 4:1-13

LET’S TALK ABOUT IT!

- No one can deny that we are going through troubling times. One question we should ask ourselves every day is, “*How can I leave this season and never be the same in a good way?*” **Read Luke 4:1-13.**
Once Jesus was identified by his purpose, Satan tried to bring trouble. Jesus was tempted just like all of us and stayed without sin. It is possible to go through trouble and leave it victoriously. **Once the “shelter in place” is lifted, what is the first thing you want to do? How can you finish this troubling season victoriously?**
- Nature determines behavior. Trouble has a nature and it behaves in a certain way. One of the ways it behaves is that it doesn’t discriminate. No one, no matter who they are, will be exempt from some sort of trouble. But if you rise above your losses and keep your faith then

you will be led to triumph. Another nature of trouble is that it doesn't come to test what you do but who you are. Knowing who you are in Christ will bring you through this crisis even stronger than before! Keep declaring that you are the head and not the tail! You are above and not below! You are a child of the Most High God! **How has your faith been tested during this time? Which bible verses have been keeping you steady and strong?**

- A third nature of trouble is that trouble is an announcement of something new. God is birthing something new in you! Many people are focused on what the enemy is doing right now, but God wants you to focus on him. God doesn't waste anything, and he is not wasting the moment we are in now. A fourth nature of trouble is that trouble reveals the nature of relationships. Are we allowing people in our lives because of their gifts or fruits? A gift doesn't tell me much of who a person is because it was given to them by God. It tells me more about God than the person. Fruit is the result of intimacy. If someone has the fruit of the spirit it shows me how much they love God. Make sure you know the people you allow in your life. **Read Galatians 5:22-23. What are the fruits you need to look for in friends? Read Matthew 13:53-58. How did the people in Jesus' hometown treat him?**
- The fifth and last nature of trouble is that trouble reveals hidden gifts. While in quarantine, we have possibly done things we didn't know we could. Pastor Ron mentioned that Redemptions first virtual service increased attendance by 240%! We're forbidden to meet in a building but simultaneously we've never had so many people connected because trouble pulls the shroud of potential. **What have you learned about yourself during the "shelter in place"?**

PRAYER FOCUS

This week, as you pray, focus on what the Lord wants to show you. The world is only paying attention to fear and the enemy, but it is our chance to point others to Christ. Pray that people will find themselves encountering God in their daily lives and realizing they are stronger and more gifted than they ever imagined!