

AN UNDISTURBED FAITH

1 Thessalonians 3.1-13, Mark 4.35-41

We sent Timothy....to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, **so that no one would be unsettled by these trials.** 1 Thessalonians 3.2-3

Mark 4.35-41: Jesus as our example of an undisturbed faith

How to achieve an undisturbed faith:

- Be intentional **IN GROWING** your faith.
May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes. v13
- Find your primary identity **IN THE CHURCH.**
...For you know quite well that WE are destined for them. In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that WE would be persecuted. v3-4
- Walk the two-way street of **ENCOURAGEMENT**: Give it and receive it.
We sent Timothy....to strengthen and encourage you in your faith... v2
For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. v8
*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but **encouraging one another**—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10.24-25*

- Don't expect **AN EASY LIFE.**
...so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. For you know quite well that we are destined for them... v3

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted... 2 Timothy 3.12

- Always keep this in mind: Your faith affects others. Your undisturbed faith is **LEAVING A LEGACY.**

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?