

Blindspot
Part 1: Troubles?
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Has Anybody Ever Been Blindsided? Hit by a car that you did not see?

Has Anybody Hit a Car That They Did Not SEE? (Pastor's **Blindspot** story)

There are some things in life that come out of nowhere that have the potential to blind-side us if we are not prepared, alert and ready. These next couple of weeks we are going to look at some areas that usually end up in the blindspots of our lives. In this series I'm also going to help you understand the difference between Trials and Troubles, Temptation and Testing.

How many know that nobody with a pure heart heads toward troubles?

Trials and Troubles Usually Come Out of Nowhere!!!

Blindspot definition: The point of entry of the optic nerve on the retina, insensitive to light; an area where a person's view is obstructed, “the angle rearview mirror eliminates blind spots on both sides of the car;” an area in which a person lacks understanding or impartiality, “Ed had a blind spot where these ethical issues were concerned;” a point within the normal range of a transmitter where there is unusually weak reception.

Romans 8 addresses life in the spirit and our adoption into God's family through Jesus Christ, that as Christians we are to live according to the spirit and not our sinful lives.

Jesus said, *“In This World You Will Have Troubles—But, Take Heart (Courage) For I Have Overcome the World”—He Told Us This So That We Would Have Peace!!!*

John 16:33 (NLT) Peace That Surpasses Understanding!!

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Trouble, Tribulation and Trials: Thlipsis (Gk): pressure (literally or figuratively): afflicted (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.

Pressures--You will have pressure

Afflictions: Sickness & Disease—It's Easier to Keep It Off Than to Get It Out

Burdens—Unnecessary Weights

Persecutions—Attacks!!!

Praise God, We Might Be In This World But We Are Not Of It!

John 17:16-19 (NLT): *“They do not belong to this world any more than I do. Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.”*

Romans 8:20-22 (NLT): *“Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.”*

Something is not only groaning in you but also growing in you—

The Spirit of the Living God!!!

There is glorious promise that the Lord has for children that sets us apart from everybody else!!

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Romans 8:31-39 (NLT): (31) *“What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? **If God is for us, who can ever be against us?** Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. (35) **Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love?** Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (As the Scriptures say, 'For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.') **No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. (38) And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.** Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

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