



## **The Blessing of Trouble**

2 Chr. 15: 1 –4

Verse 4 - In their trouble - Turned to God

A long time without - The True God

A long time without - A Teaching Priest

A long time without - the Law

God has always sought for a people who would seek after Him.

God walked in the cool of day with Adam & Eve Until.....Adam - Where art Thou?

It was not God leaving them.....but it was Adam – Eve .....leaving God.....they were the ones that left

IF - you forsake me.....I will forsake you

They created worlds they could not live in –

Problems that had to have an answer –

The blessing of trouble.....in the Garden

Another Garden.....Gethsemane

Desperation brought me back to the ole rugged cross – When my world had turned so black I could not see – Like a frightened child I searched for light – But in my desperation – Jesus shined on me.

TROUBLE - made Jacob flee his home – from a brother who would have killed him.....20 years in the house of Laban.....TROUBLE.....sends him on the run again.....BUT.....TROUBLE drives him to .....BETHEL.....Back to the altar

TROUBLE - drives him to brink of a river that he got willing to cross.....NAME CHANGE

TROUBLE - made Elimelech and Naomi leave Bethlehem – House of Bread - for Moab

TROUBLE - in Moab.....death.....of husband....two sons.....finds Naomi....who left full of joy  
.....returning.....bitter....

TROUBLE - made Israel cry out to God -

Moses.....go tell Pharaoh.....Let my People Go!

TROUBLE - Famine.....its inventory time in the

Pig Pen - Prodigal Son.....” I Will Arise and Go

TROUBLE - 4 Starving Men - “ Why sit we

here still we Die? Save a whole city

“I’m a man who can smile again and be proud of who I am....the things I once held tight I now let go...all my days are filled with sunshine, not a cloud to darken my mind....I tell you now it wasn’t always so.